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Judge reviews retrial motion for Maryville murder case

BY AARON BAILEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A Maryville man serving a 100-year life sentence without parole for murdering his wife by running her over with a combine sought a new trial today on grounds his criminal trial was marred with mistakes by his original legal council.

Taylor, who has served almost 10 years of his sentence, was convicted of first-degree murder for killing his wife, Debra Jo Taylor, after a weeklong trial in August 1995. The jury deliberated for more than three hours before handing over the guilty verdict, seemingly ending the situation for everyone involved.

Taylor has since attained new counsel, and has been seeking a retrial motion for more than three years. Taylor's new lawyers, Kent Gipson and Sean O'Brien, filed a motion for post-conviction relief pursuant to rule April 24, 2002. They believe that if granted a new trial, the result will be much different than in 1995.

"I'm fairly confident that certainly we get this reversed, Bill will not be convicted of first degree murder—that he'll get a fair shake," Gipson said.

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New cabins to aid tourism

BY SARAH TAYLOR
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

City officials and Moberly Park representatives unveiled four lakefront cabins Monday, March 14.

The cabins, the latest phase in the city's 10-year plan to promote tourism in Maryville, continue steps for recreational development at Moberly Park.

In 1988, voters approved a half-cent sales tax to develop Moberly Park, initially intended to serve as the city reservoir.

Voters subsequently passed two similar tax measures: a half-cent sales tax in 1993 to construct the lake, and another in 1997 launching the decade-long plan geared toward developing Moberly Park's recreational component.

The decade-long plan proposed several different projects including horse trails, camping spots for recreational vehicles, a marina and the cabin projects.

Not all the projects have been fully completed, according to Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein. However, the RV spots and new cabins prove the currently takes steps to fulfill the plan's purpose.

"We've gone and looked back at it, and found that some of the directions changed," Unrein said. "Each individual particular item may not be followed to the letter but the essence of the plan is still intact."

The cabins range in size from a one-bedroom, loft style unit, to a two-bedroom unit equipped with a furnished master suite and secondary room.

Each cabin will also include basic residential amenities—fireplaces, central heat/air conditioning, indoor plumbing and furnished living and dining rooms.

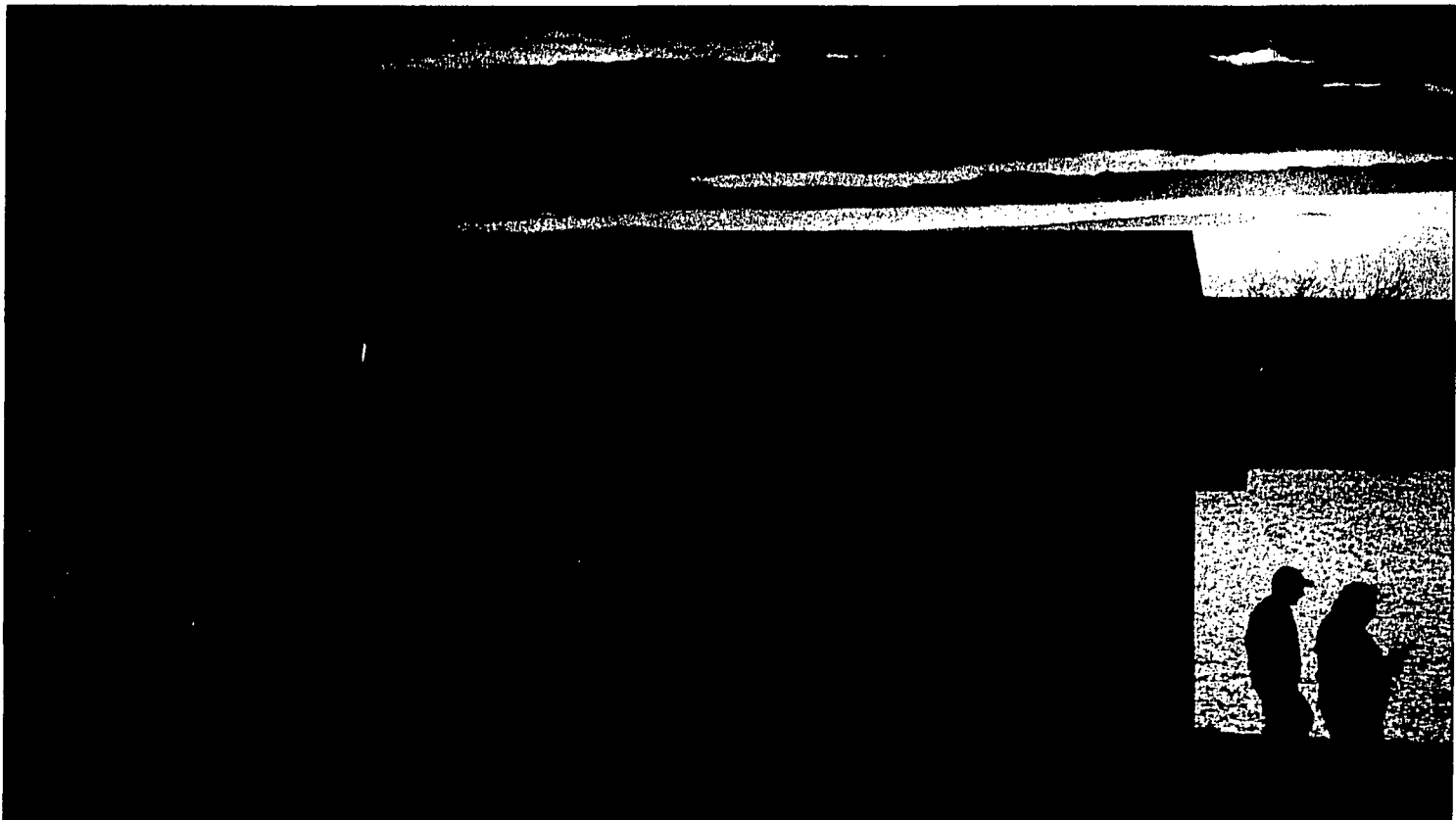


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

City officials met at Moberly Lake Monday to observe four new cabins which are part of an effort to bring more tourism to the Maryville area.

"They are more like little houses," City Manager Matt Chesnut said. "They are going to be very cozy and comfortable and affordable for people to stay."

The cabins are in the final construction and planning stages. Rates remain undetermined, but the cabins should be open for public use by May 30.

Despite the unresolved issues, Chesnut believes the cabins will enhance Maryville's existing attractions.

"I think that this is tremendous," he said. "We talk about tourism and opportunities for people to come to Maryville. We have shopping, golfing with Moberly lake and Northwest Missouri State, and this just gives us another item to hang our hat on."

Musician turns to roots

Blues artist ventures home with hopes of a Midwest music tour

BY STEPHANIE STANGL
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Glancing at the beat-up red and white '67 Chevy pickup parked in the yard and the house with chipped white paint adorning the sides, you might expect someone a little different to greet you at the door.

Although blues musician Jerry Forney traveled around the nation playing steel and bass guitar with countless musicians and bands he still manages to maintain a modest lifestyle in Hopkins, Mo.

Forney's oldest brother Ed used to hang out with the local blues bands playing around Maryville and Forney would tap his toes to the whimsical melodies of the genre.

One day in 1969, Forney's mother drove him and his brother Phillip to their first gig in the family station wagon. Neither of the boys were old enough to drive; Purple Haze needed a ride to their scheduled appearance at the Catalina Club in Maryville.

Since then, Forney basks in the memories of playing alongside Charlie Rich, headlining "Blues on Grand," in Des Moines, Iowa, and recording in the same Recording Studio in Alabama.

His fondest memory of the business wasn't scribbled down on a bar schedule or enclosed within the walls of a recording studio.

"All the rest of my band members went back to the motel after the show in Oxford, Miss., but I decided to go to the bar instead," Forney said.

"There was a guy playing the clarinet and another playing an acoustic guitar, so I decided to grab my guitar and played along with Duke

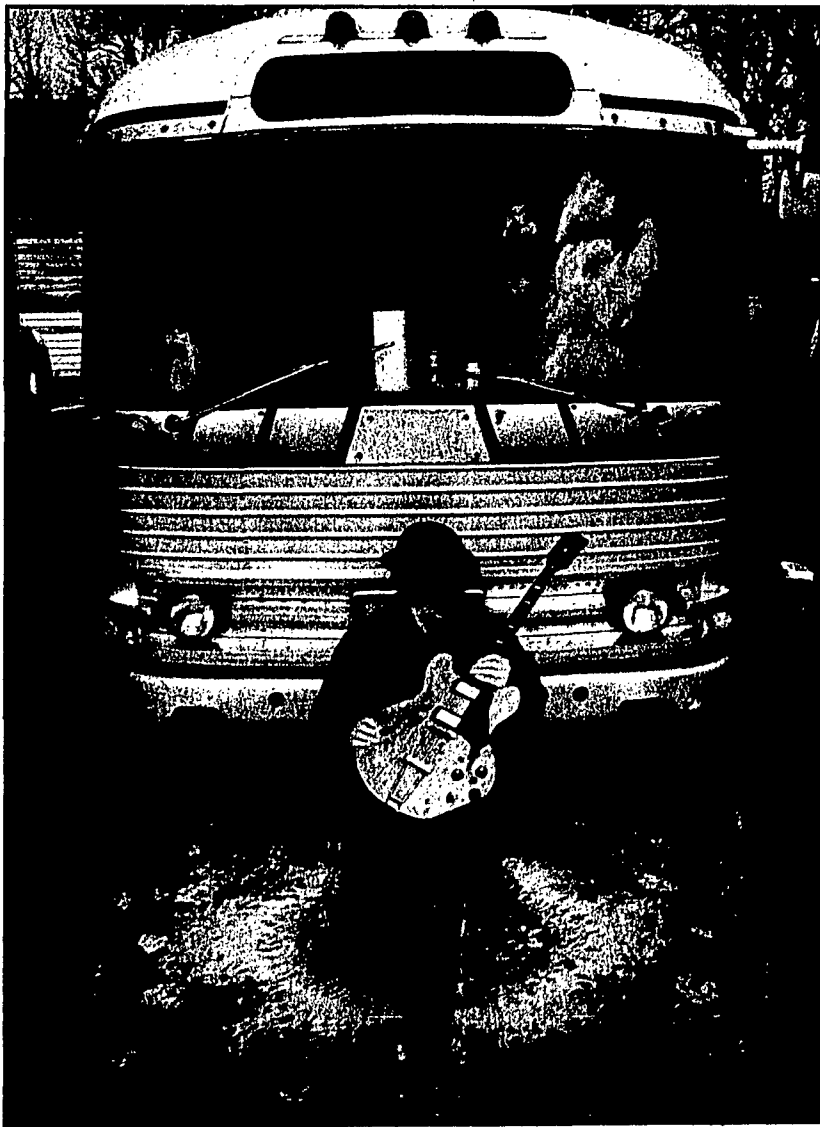


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Hopkins resident and musician Jerry Forney is fixing up a 1955 tour bus, which he hopes will run on vegetable oil to tour the Midwest.

Meric and The Millionaires."

Forty-plus years, five albums and countless gigs later, Forney continues to write and perform music. A gutted-out, chrome-lined vintage tour bus which he plans to restore to take his unique sound on the road for a tentative nationwide summer tour with his latest creation, "The Jerry Forney Blues Band." Through networking, Forney formed this band with Dave Haeker of Kansas City, Mo., and Dan Elkins of St. Joseph, Mo.

Over the years, Forney teetered between country and blues music but finds himself always coming back to blues because it feels "more at home."

Inspiration for a song strikes Forney in a way common to most artists.

"I am moved to write a song when I am either extremely depressed or feeling really good," Forney said. "I don't like to listen to anyone before I start to write a song though, because it really goofs me up. I have a definite sound of my own and always want to do things my way."

Local fans have gushed to Forney that "Burlington Railroad Blues," a song describing a railroad he and his brothers used to play on and around while growing up in Hopkins, is their favorite

please see BLUES MAN 5A

Debated local project explained through series of reports, starting with the basics

BY DOMNICK HADLEY
and DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Missouri Economic Development Communications Director Paul Sloca knows a thing or two about Tax Increment Financing.

While working in the Department of Economic Development, Sloca helped approve more than 200 TIF projects in cities across Missouri.

Some of the projects are geared towards encouraging prospective developers to develop in area, Sloca said. Other projects simply seek to improve existing building structures.

Regardless of the projects' intentions, Sloca believes TIF is the most valid option for any community seeking to increase economic development.

"TIF is essential to economic development," Sloca said. "It's almost a magnet for economic development, which means high quality, family-supporting jobs. That is what economic development is all about."

Nevertheless, not everyone shares the same warm views about TIF.

The Maryville TIF Commission's approval of \$1.95 million for the Maryville Town Center project

sparked a series of heated debates between residents, city officials and school board members.

In an effort to increase understanding, the Northwest Missourian will publish a three-part series explaining the intricate details of Tax Increment Financing. The first article will focus on the mechanics of TIF; subsequent articles will illustrate some of the benefits and risks associated with the program.

What is TIF? TIF is an economic development tool cities use to spark commercial development in blighted areas—areas presently constituting an economic or social liability.

To begin the TIF process, city officials must first identify and designate the blighted area. Once the area is selected, the city (or municipality) completes a development plan outlining the estimated public costs and the increased revenues the project is expected to generate.

If the plan is completed and approved by an established TIF commission and city officials, the city's assessor certifies the total initial equalized assessed value for the area—the current value of the property before development.

Following the assessment, the city freezes real estate taxes at their current level. The developer pays that amount for the life of the redevelopment project, and those payments are distributed to the appropriate taxing districts—school boards, city ambulance board and anyone else entitled to property tax revenue.

In addition, sales taxes are also frozen at current levels.

For example, if the current sales level was \$100 and the project generated \$200, \$100 of the money would be TIF funds. Half of the \$100 would go back to paying the TIF bonds; the other \$50 would be kicked back to the safety-taxing district. If the district so chooses, it can kick that money back to help pay the TIF bond.

However, as improvements continue to increase the worth of the property, the assessed value of the property increases city collects it.

The city can use those funds to support other projects within the area or to reimburse some of the developer's project costs.

The property and sales taxes are unfrozen once the project reaches completion and the tax base returns to its full, original use.

Biopharming program offers new degree opportunities for Northwest students

DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Ventria Biosciences and its biopharmaceuticals products may bring excitement and new jobs to Maryville, but it also may bring new degree opportunities.

Faculty from the departments of chemistry, biology and physics started working together to combine all three elements of science. Two master's degree programs and two undergraduate programs would be packaged in a way to integrate different areas of study, according to Patricia

Lucido, professor of chemistry.

Lucido said strong math skills and an emphasis in all three aspects of science would be involved in the new degrees.

She said a recent guest speaker from the University of Michigan told the audience that in this day and age a science research team consists of a chemist, a biologist and a physicist. The scientists had trouble working together because of a lack of understanding.

She also believes the more science advances, the more scientists will need to be familiar with other areas of study.

"We want our students to come out with a skill in everything. You're

not an incredible expert in every field, but you know a lot about all of them," Lucido said. "Then you can build a capstone. You understand the needs of other people and you can share the same insights because you have the same background."

When processing rice for pharmaceutical products only 1 percent of the plant is needed, leaving a lot of waste. Lucido said an undergraduate and master's degree program in alternative energy is being worked on to help further study in a very rapidly growing field.

Another undergraduate degree in nanotechnology will be introduced, as well as a master's degree in biotechnology, the crux of Ventria.

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Maryville native Zach Morley plays in NCAA tournament this weekend
More sports in Section B



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SATURDAY

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Low: 25

SUNDAY

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Low: 34



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Kerry Kennedy completed this year's Distinguished Lecture Series Monday night with a discussion on human rights in America and around the world.

Kennedy stresses human rights and freedom at lecture

BY ANDY TIMKO
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America...with liberty and justice for all."

America, the land desired for its freedom, justice and liberty for all, may lose the luster desired by foreigners for centuries.

Kerry Kennedy Cuomo began her work in human rights in 1981; she has witnessed a change in the world's view on America's human rights policies.

"We're a country which, throughout my lifetime, the world has looked to for leadership in human rights, the leadership for freedom," Kennedy said. "To our tremendous detriment, over the last three and a half years our reputation for freedom and a protector of human rights has been decimated by this administration."

According to Kennedy, human rights law bases on the principle of certain inalienable rights pertaining to every person as members of the human family.

She also said although there may be challenges in the area of human rights, each of us has a responsibility to protect human dignity and advance liberty.

"We are blessed to be living in a country, born of revolution, where are institutions are capable of change because of citizen activism," Kennedy said. "We must participate in the political process

if we truly seek change."

After 9/11, Kennedy believed much of the world sided with the United States when the war on terrorism began. While strongly agreeing with holding those responsible for terrorist acts accountable for their actions, she doesn't agree with the way the government is working with prisoners.

"We have an administration which looks on terrorism in which due process is considered a nicety that we cannot afford to recognize; and as a result, people have been detained for as much as three years without having charges brought against them," Kennedy said.

Before speaking at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Kennedy ate dinner with Dean Hubbard, University administrators, professors and students, and was enlightened on what Northwest does with human rights.

"I'm amazed about what's already going on, on this campus and the attempt to reach out to communities to get them involved in the education process," Kennedy said.

Kennedy believes one person can initiate changes and the residents in Nodaway County are no exception.

"There's people who need access to healthcare, access to housing and access to other basic rights which people who live in Maryville can make a difference in," Kennedy said.

Graves speaks to students regarding business crime

BY ASHLEY BALLY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

When thinking of business crime and white-collar cases many people picture the Martha Stewart scandal. However, there are several cases that have hit closer to the region.

Monday night students received a lecture on the subject of business crime from U.S. Attorney for the Western District Todd Graves.

Graves is responsible for prosecuting federal crimes in western Missouri. He touched on a series of topics stemming from his background to the functions and responsibilities of his office. Graves works with a 120-person staff that includes 60 attorneys.

According to Graves, the office deals with an average of 1000 cases at any given time.

Speaking with emphasis on white-collar cases, Graves sees a steady increase in these crimes. Most often white-collar cases involve mortgage fraud, money laundering and computer crimes.

Graves hinted at one of the most recent examples of white-collar crime, involving Ronnie G. DeShon and the embezzlement of \$844,477 dollars from the Pattonburg School District.

In 1994, Graves began the first of two terms as Platte County prosecuting attorney the youngest full time prosecutor in the state of Missouri.

Graves did not know, when he started out just how far his career would take him.

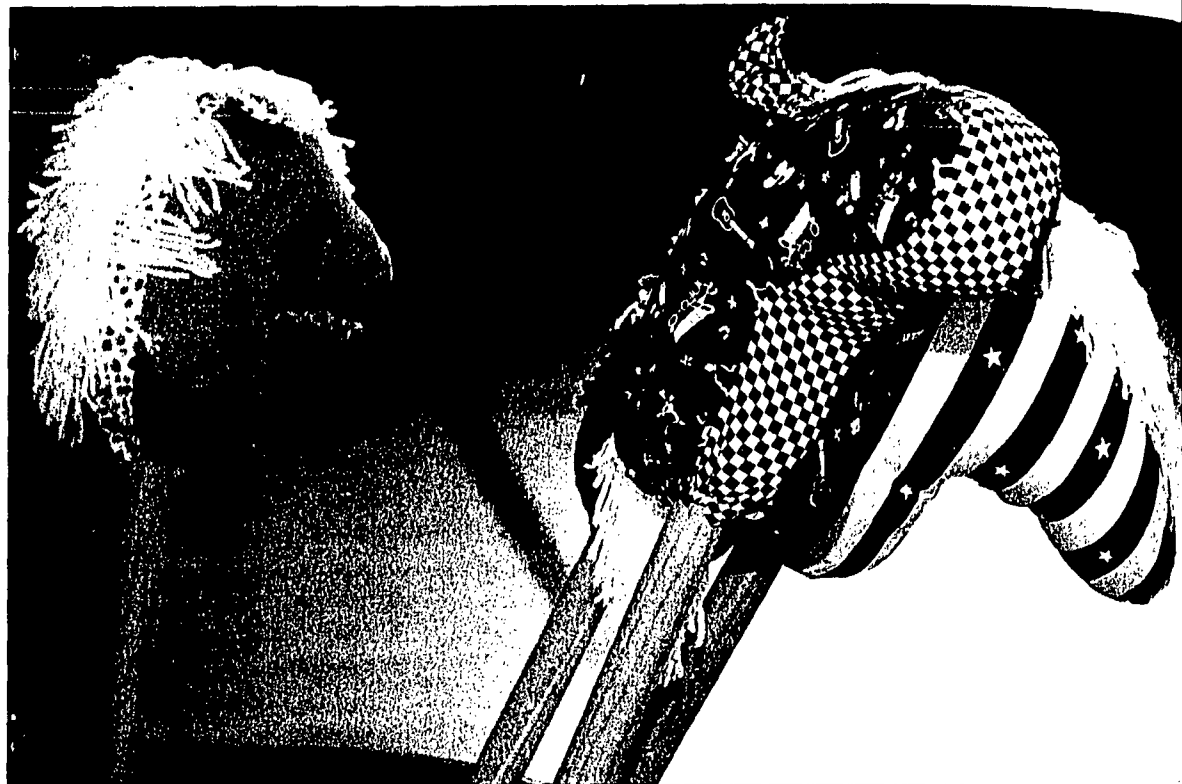
"I thought I'd be a lawyer in Tarkio," Graves said. "While working in Platte County, I fell in love with prosecuting. This wasn't something I planned on doing."

He was nominated for office by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate in 2001.

Graves comes from a political family, as the brother of U.S. Representative for the 6th District Sam Graves.

Students in Free Enterprise sponsored the event and organization President Kari Frerking had high hopes for the lecture.

"I want the students to have an idea of business crimes, and what people may face in their professions," Frerking said.



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Children ages 10 and under had the opportunity to learn and compete in activities at the 2nd annual Stick Horse Show at Horace Mann. The event was sponsored by the Equestrian Team to teach the children about horses.

Stick horse show is a learning experience for kids

BY KELSEY GARRISON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Jumping, grooming, pole racing and much more was learned by children who attended the 2nd annual "Stick Horse Show" Saturday, sponsored by the Northwest Equestrian Team, to raise awareness about equestrian activities and caring for horses.

Children, ages 10 and under, attended stations showing different types of saddles—English and Western.

They learned how to jump, run around the barrels and perform in the ring. The children used the skills and knowledge they acquired in the different events of competition.

"The equestrian team uses their knowledge to help the kids and parents learn about what we do," Michelle Allen, equestrian team coach, said.

The show presents a way for the equestrian team and club to give their thanks to the community for their support.

The team put on the show to educate the kids and possibly expand or grab their interest in horses.

"(The goal is) to learn about horses in general and maybe to spark interest

horse care.

One girl was particularly interested in the ring activities.

"(I liked) the ring because you get to run around," Brianna Haberyan said.

The competition seemed to go over well and the children completed the events. Afterward, each child was awarded a ribbon for their participation.

"We have a fun class usually, and last year we had an egg and spoon race; they do all the normal stuff they would usually do in the show ring," Kari Kern, team president, said.

Saturday they had a Kool-Aid race requiring the kids to run to a point, drink Kool-Aid without spilling and go back to the starting point.

The team plans on putting the event on every year and might consider raising the age limit of the children to come, but not until they reach a steady number of people each year.

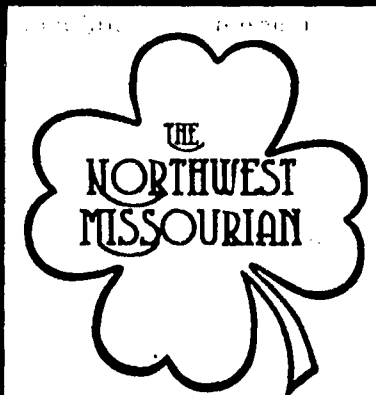
"It's a good time to get kids involved when they are younger," Allen said. "Equestrian events really teach the kids responsibility when they are taking care of a horse and all the equipment needed to compete in equestrian activities."



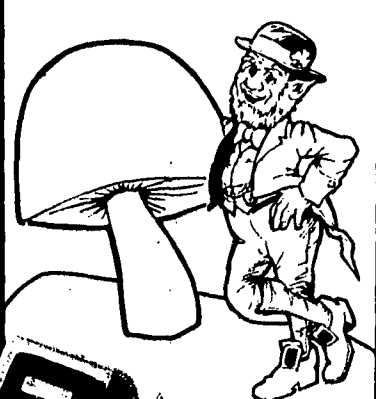
Dakota Allen was one of three Horace Mann students who participated in the school's Stick Horse Show, Saturday.

for future activities as they grow up," Allen said.

The children seemed to have fun with each event and learning the basics of



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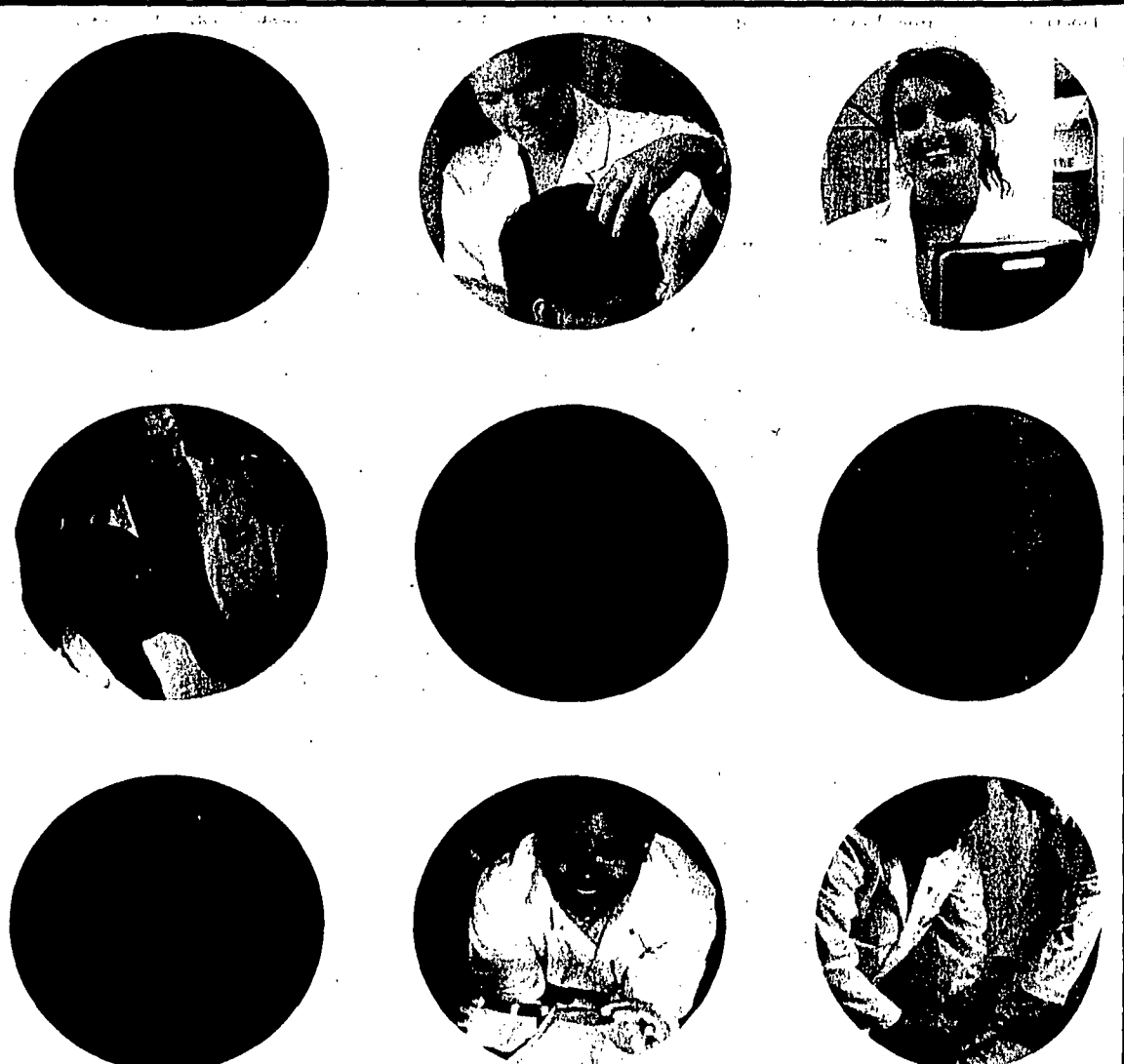
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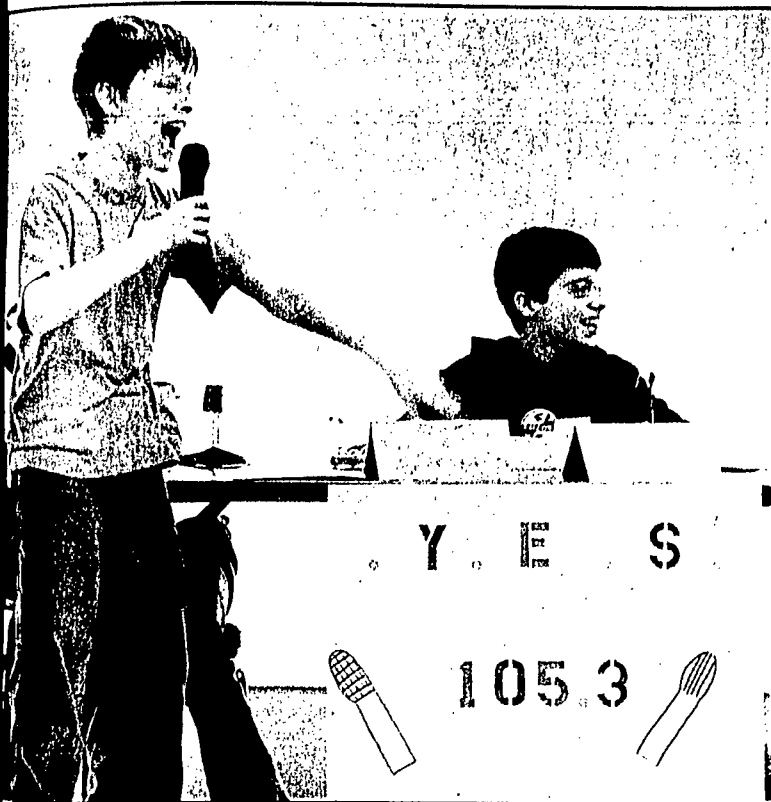


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Chris Holtman, right, looks on as Jake Minarik jokes with the city sheriff over YES City's simulated radiostation Saturday at Northwest.

Students receive early lessons in finance

BY KYLIE McDONOUGH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Last week-end, Northwest students taught fifth and sixth graders money management in a fun and interesting way.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) spent Saturday with students from local Maryville schools, including Maryville Middle School, Horace Mann and St. Gregory's. The event was titled Youth, Entrepreneur Simulation (Y.E.S.).

This was the first year for the event, Northwest seniors Molly Gianchino and Eric Grantham who planned the entire event weren't sure how things would turn out. The idea came to them in December, but the real planning started in January after returning from break.

"The kids are having a lot of fun," Grantham said. "It went pretty well for the first year."

Many years ago Gianchino and Grantham participated in an event similar to this called Exchange City, held in Kansas City, Mo.

"Exchange City was an inspiration that we wanted to bring to Maryville schools," Gianchino said.

Unlike Exchange City, the students participated free of charge. Gianchino and Grantham collaborated ideas together for possible businesses the kids could take part in. After coming up with several choices the children were then granted the opportunity to pick from their top three choices. Twenty-one kids participated Saturday, with 11 Northwest students helping them out at each business.

"It all sounded like fun," fifth grader Traci Shipp said. "I will do this again next year."

The name of the town was YES City. The list of businesses included a sign shop, sports shop, jewelry shop, radio station, police department and city hall. The members

in the police department were able to create laws members of the community had to abide by.

"After you have three fines you have to sit in a chair that's considered 'jail,'" fifth grader Jack Henggeler said.

Parents dropped their kids off at the Union in the morning and returned at 2 p.m. After the parents arrived the mayor of the city spoke. They also announced which business did the best in sales and how the day went overall.

Sponsors included Domino's, Hy-Vee, Citizen's Bank and Mr. Goodcents, along with others for the day providing food and funding.

The kids were given two breaks throughout the day. During each break, each child received \$15 to spend on lunch, shopping and fun activities.

The sports shop provided activities such as Nerf basketball

and a ring toss. Each event at lines set up on the floor and each line represented a certain amount of points. When they were done with the event they were able to choose a toy in the point range they were shooting or tossing from.

Another business set up was the sign shop. Employees crafted the signs, and sold them to whoever wanted to buy one. A worker in the shop designed the signs used at each business.

"I think I'm pretty creative and I like to draw," fifth grader Kindol Gregg said of why she chose to work in the sign shop.

Gianchino and Grantham said the day turned out so well, they hope to continue its development and hold another again next year.

"This turned out better than we were expecting," Gianchino said. "There are a couple of kinks we are working through, but we plan on doing this again next year and it should run even smoother then."

Seventh graders lobby for foster care reform

St. Gregory students visit Kansas City to help propel efforts in reforming legislation

BY BEN KOEHN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Recent news stories of foster children being neglected, abused and even murdered, coupled with the lack of permanent homes for them has left students at St. Gregory's Catholic School in Maryville shouting "That's Not Fair."

The "That's Not Fair" program, sponsored by the Bishop Sullivan Center of Kansas City, Mo., aims to reach seventh graders in its dioceses principles of social justice. The program was started in 1998, by Tom Turner, the executive director of the center.

Every year at the U.S. Catholic Conference, bishops meet and select social justice issues they feel Catholics should know about.

This year, they chose foster care and the dignity of children in the system.

The students at St. Gregory's then learned about foster care and began discussing some of the system's flaws, including the over-reliance on caseworkers.

According to St. Gregory's seventh grade teacher Jill Baker, 25 cases per worker is the recommended caseload in Missouri. That number ranks above the national average.

Some of the problems in the foster care system revolve around simply having too many foster children in the system.

Currently in Missouri, over 11,000 foster children need permanent homes. A lack of people able or willing to be foster parents puts stress on active foster parents, who may take in several children at a time, sometimes putting an unfortunate burden on their pocketbooks.

"If people say they are doing it for the money, they're crazy,"



PHOTO BY MASAKI OYATA/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Jill Baker leads a discussion with her seventh grade class at the St. Gregory's Catholic school. Members of the class recently traveled to Kansas City to discuss issues in the state's foster care system.

Northwest Financial Aid Director Del Morley said. Morley, along with his wife, Shari, provided housing for several children after becoming foster parents almost two years ago.

"My first thought was 'wow,'" seventh grader Emily Crump said about foster children; "I mean, that's a lot of kids. They need to have the proper care."

The students then lobbied the issue at mass at St. Gregory's church, where parishioners were then asked to sign letters to send to legislators asking for reform.

Five Missouri legislators listened to presentations and answered questions from 500 students from the diocese about foster care and the Missouri government's role in protecting the children.

"They did marvelous," Baker said of the students, "I think the conversation that we got started is good, now the job is to keep the conversation going beyond just

the kids."

"One of the tough questions (a student asked) was 'how do you justify spending time debating a name change of a university when you have (more than 11,000) kids who don't have a place to go?'" Jill Baker said. "A 2-year-old in a bad foster home has no one to talk to them."

Baker said the students received letters back from shocked parishioners saying, "I had no idea this type of thing was allowed to go on."

Unfortunately, screening potential foster parents is not always 100 percent effective. Northwest student Aislinn Johnson, in foster care since age 9, says she experienced her share of bad foster parents.

Johnson says that while she lived in a Stanberry foster home, she and the other foster kids were overworked. They would mow the lawn, and then were forced to trim the weeds and excess grass

along the fences with scissors.

"When I lived in Stanberry, I was scared to tell the caseworkers about it," Johnson said.

She filed complaints against former foster parents, but investigators failed to investigate them.

Johnson believes there are good foster parents, but there are also foster parents in small towns who only do it for money and to look good in the community.

Johnson also says while some foster children may not receive much money from the state of Missouri, she has been well taken care of financially. Johnson is currently on 'independent living', which allows foster children to live by themselves after the age of 18 and also helps finance portions of their college expenses.

Currently, House Bill 187 circulates in the Missouri House of Representatives and is designed to promote awareness of adoption practices and better education for both foster and adoptive parents.

City Council closes alley despite concerns from area businessman

BY DOMNICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

An ordinance allowing Laura Street Baptist Church to proceed with its recent expansion plans went under fire during Monday's city council meeting.

The measure would close an alley between First and Jenkins streets in order to make room for a number of additions to Laura Street's existing building.

City officials approved the ordinance during a council meeting Monday, Jan. 24, despite the fact they rescinded their vote during Monday's session because of concerns expressed by Wonder Bread merchant Kermit Lager.

As part of its expansion project, Laura Street plans to construct a new 600-seat auditorium and 24 new classrooms.

According to Lager's attorney, Chip Strong, Laura Street's expansion plans would prevent distributors from "accessing" the business' loading dock—located on the east side of the building.

If the city closes the alley between First and Jenkins, Scott said that would cut off all access points to the store.

"If they build all the way then

there won't be enough room to easily maneuver a truck back and forth, and if you close the alley then he doesn't have room in the back," Strong said. "We are not trying to get in the way of progress, but he is a property owner and he will be affected by this."

Mayor Michael Thompson refuted Lager's claim that the ordinance would present a problem for distributors.

Thompson said truckers are more than capable of maneuvering in tight spots, and there is no reason why they couldn't access the property.

"I don't see how this is an inconvenience to a trucker," Thompson said. "I don't want to take a chance at hurting a business, but I don't see the problem."

"You want that alley left open so (Laura Street) won't build there," Thompson continued. "But it doesn't seem logical not to close that alley to let the project proceed."

In the end, the council approved the ordinance, still allowing Laura Street to close the alley. Members of Laura Street Baptist also agreed to a seven-foot easement allotting enough space between both properties.

Walk to celebrate life of long-time educator

BY DALLAS READ
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Maryville residents will gather Saturday, March 19, to commemorate the lifelong accomplishments of Opal Eckert.

"This is her 100th (birthday), so it's kind of a special one," Nina Schneider, AAUW member, said.

Beginning at 9 a.m. at Lamkin Activity Center, registered participants will walk as far as they can in 45 minutes. Hy-Vee will provide refreshments.

According to Schneider the average participant will walk two miles during the event.

"Opal has inspired about everyone to do everything," Schneider said. "She could just inspire anyone to do

whatever they were capable of doing, plus more than they ever knew they were capable of."

Making key contributions to the AAUW for more than 50 years, Eckert attained the status of lifetime member of the organization. She served as branch president, state secretary and was one of three women appointed to write the resolutions for the AAUW National Convention in 1967.

Eckert taught English and journalism at Maryville High School for 52 years before she began teaching at Northwest as an instructor and journalism advisor.

"(Eckert) is a person who never stopped until she could not walk anymore," Schneider said. "Her mind has certainly been active and still is to this point."

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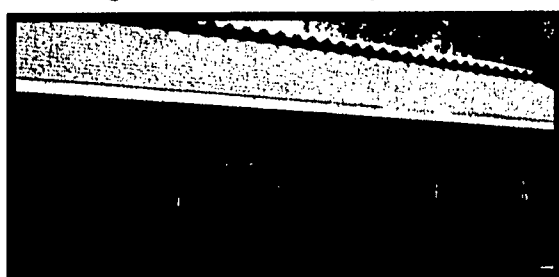
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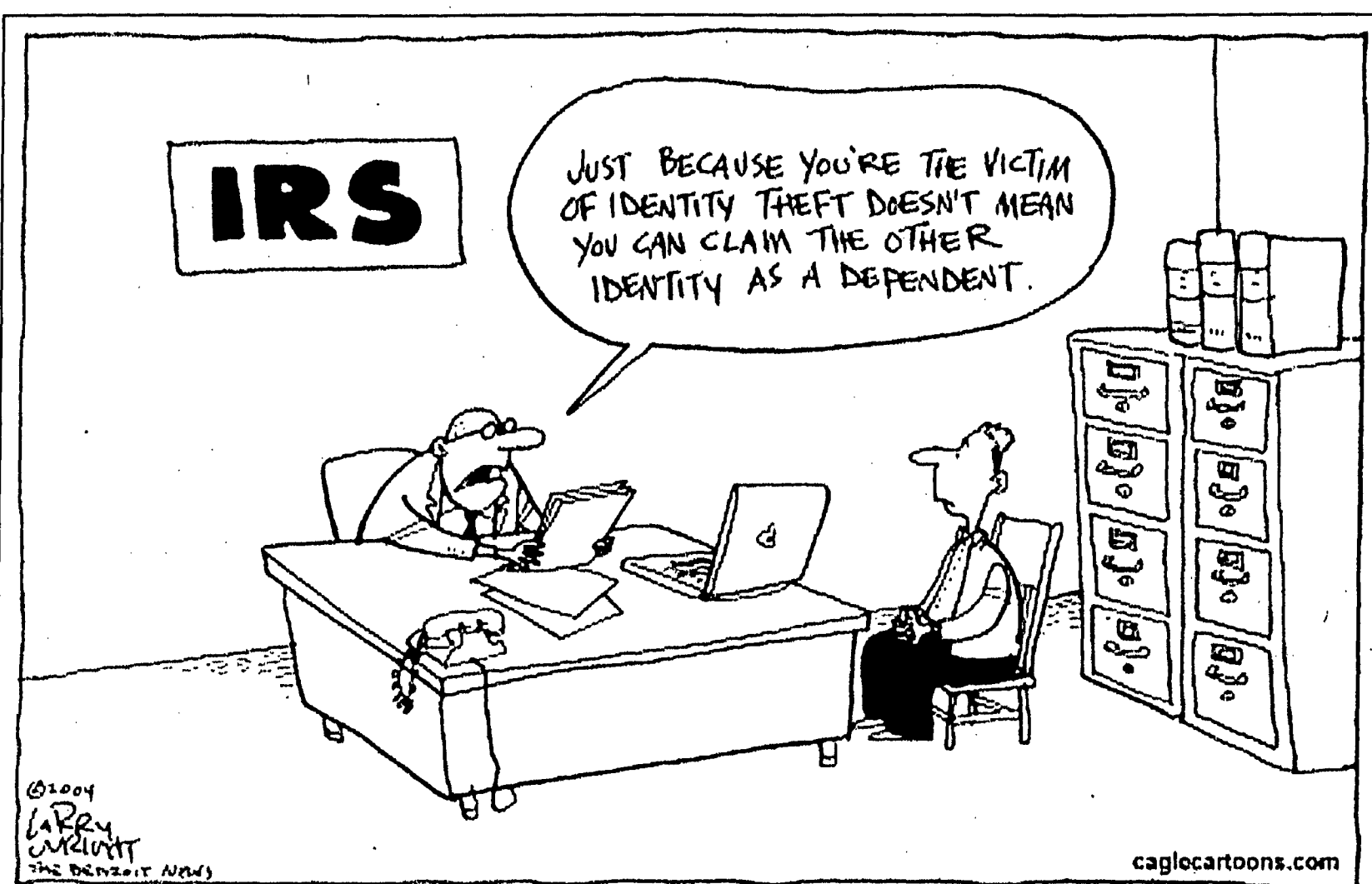
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Our View

Fish out of water?

Proposed marine biology degree fits well with Northwest's ongoing tradition of excellence

At a recent meeting, the Board of Regents approved the addition of a new bachelor's degree; Northwest students may now declare a major in marine biology.

While this immediately raises some eyebrows as to the relevance—marine biology in landlocked Missouri?—and questions on financial effects to the University, this new program could prove a unique option as Northwest continues to diversify.

The program uses coursework from the University's current biological sciences department and the incorporation of two oceanography classes at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Miss. (located near Biloxi), to compose degree requirements. Northwest formally joined the Research Lab to facilitate course enrollment, tuition costs and credit transfers.

During the classes in Mississippi—taken during a summer trimester—students will work hands-on with wildlife in a modern, functioning research laboratory on the Gulf coast. No new course requirements means no additional costs or funding; good news in the wake of announced tuition and fee increases for students.

Confusion could obviously arise from word of a marine biology major in northwest Missouri, prompting some skepticism to the reasoning and credibility of such a "fish out of water" major (so-to-speak). However, further examination of the motivation behind it validates the Board of Regents' approval.

According to Gregg Dieringer, assistant professor of chemistry and biology, Northwest receives enough genuinely interested inquiries about marine biology each year to attract five to eight students. Four institutions in the Midwest currently offer marine biology degrees: Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa), Iowa State (Ames, Iowa), Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, Mo.) and Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.). Northwest could garner more marine biology students from the Omaha, Neb., Topeka, Kan., Columbia, Mo., and Kansas City metro area, as our university sits in closer proximity than any of the aforementioned schools. Students do not need to pay more and travel great distances with these programs close to home.

As for credibility, Northwest's longstanding reputation for quality higher education should speak volumes as to the thoroughness of coursework. Add a trimester of unique, unparalleled experience with the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, and marine biology graduates from Northwest should face no lack of knowledge as they pursue careers.

One hundred years after its founding, the University continues to offer diversified, quality, affordable education to students from around the world. The new marine biology major will prove no exception.

(For more information, please access the University program's web site at <http://info.nwmissouri.edu/~khaber/marinebio.htm>)

Editor refuses to apologize, just doing his job

My View



COLE YOUNG
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Reports, tests, interviews, photo assignments, disgruntled phone calls. Being a college journalist provides many challenges that most people around campus and the community might not realize.

When you are in the position of editor those challenges multiply, because any challenges members face become my responsibility as the one in charge.

Keeping this in mind, a series of recent phone calls prompted discussions around the newsroom that, in all honesty, helped solidify why I want to be a journalist.

Several members of the Maryville community apparently don't see *The Northwest Missourian* as a reputable news source. It seems instead of the

paper reporting the news and events of the town and campus, these people think the staff should be focusing on the "happy news."

Personally, nothing would please me more as an editor and as a member of this community. Take a look at the front of the sports section; there, you see success in the form of a former Spoofhound.

The trouble is, not all news is positive. As a newspaper we have one job: report the news to the reader. That is the service all journalists, from Hopkins to Houston, provide.

What I am getting at is don't become irate at the newspaper when we publish something that doesn't make you, or something you are associated with, seem like rainbows and butter-

flies. If something is deemed news by the staff and editorial board and we have facts, the paper will report the facts.

If the newspaper makes a mistake, we will do our best to fix it. If a reporter misspells your name, the next week your name will be spelled correctly. But, if the newspaper reports the facts and you don't like it, we won't do a thing—not even apologize for doing our job.

I was filled with pride last week when a reporter told me about a situation that transpired along these lines.

The Northwest Missourian might not be perfect, but as a staff we do everything in our power to try and achieve that level of perfection each week.

Bush's proposed energy bill ought to be embraced, decreases oil dependency, fails to actually hurt wildlife

My View



SEAN COMER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

southern pipeline at the pump ever since.

Drilling in Alaska, when examined logically, opens the door to a number of benefits. The indigenous Inuit tribes in the area watch their neighbors on the North Slope improve their quality of life as a result of money from oil companies wanting to drill on their lands. Instead, they remain poor while their neighbors move on up.

Ironically, considering one of the concerns some groups had: "destroying the Inuit way of life" by drilling on their lands.

And what about the poor caribou, whose breeding patterns would kind-of-sort-of-not-really be interfered with by the presence of the pipelines? Very valid, if by "interfered-with" one refers to evidence from previous endeavors that the warmth generated by the pipeline actually STIMULATES caribou breeding.

Just a reminder, the above falsehoods and half-truths

brought to you by the good people at the Sierra Club. Thanks.

Branch out to more global reaches and see the benefits to those of us who can't afford solar panels and electric cars. A fraction of the refuge could yield around 10 billion barrels of oil, from Department of Energy estimates and with improved drilling technology, at a minimal detriment to the ecosystem.

Think of it another way: drilling in Alaska takes away our reason to send troops to the Middle East to overthrow poor, defenseless despots, "all in the name of oil."

Don't think the benefits stop at less dependency on foreign oil, either. The bill also includes a provision calling for greater use of ethanol, manufactured from fermented corn. This aspect alone holds promise for both the agricultural community, which suffers frequently from low commodity prices, and for a more environmentally-safe, cleaner-burning fuel. Incidentally, the waste prod-

uct from the fermented corn can also be used as livestock feed.

For those who missed it: The Sierra Club opposes a bill containing an environmentally-friendly provision. That's like Rush Limbaugh advocating stricter drug laws—OK, bad example.

Fortunately, the scenario changes this time. GOP gains in the Senate make it easier to gather votes needed to push it through. It could pass with 51 votes; GOP holds 55 seats.

My job depends on my car. While I care about a clean, healthy environment, I also care about not someday needing to harvest and sell my own organs just to put enough gas in my tank to make it to Wal-Mart. I care about independence from OPEC and other price-gouging foreign markets. Most of all, I care about investing less in my gas tank and a little more in bidding on this baked potato resembling Bea Arthur I saw on eBay.

Or, you know, important stuff.

Mail Call

Letter to the Editor

Have you walked around campus lately and noticed all of the trash? It is everywhere. Pizza boxes, paper plates and gum and candy wrappers litter the campus.

When we were kids, our parents taught us to put our trash in the trash can where it belongs. It looks like we came to college and forgot everything our parents taught us!

There is a gentleman who walks around the high rises, suites and the Station every morning and picks up the trash the students threw out their windows the night before. He picks up the pizza boxes. You know, the ones you took the time to rip your name off of before throwing down? He picks up the water bottles, soda bottles and ramen noodles you

threw out your window when you were too lazy to take them to the bathroom and dump them out.

The groundskeepers on campus aren't here to pick up your cigarette butts. People throw their cigarette butts all over campus! Is it that much of an inconvenience to put them in the ashtrays and trash cans conveniently placed around campus for that specific purpose? We have beautiful campus. Unfortunately, they are those who scar it by littering. Let take pride in our campus. Keep it clean. By the way, if you see a groundskeeper picking up trash say, "Thanks for everything you do!" and put a smile on their face.

DIANA ROY
NORTHWEST STUDENT

My opinion of President Bush's energy bill sums itself up in three words: about bloody time.

Bush threw his support behind drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife refuge from the time he took office. Sadly, based on faulty information from the Sierra Club, the Senate ran scared and America continued to take it up the ol'

Your View

What was your worst spring break memory?



"My freshman year in college my car broke down so I couldn't go anywhere. I was stuck at home with my parents."

"I went to visit southern Illinois and my brother in Nashville, and my mom got a blood clot in her leg during the trip."

"The past two spring breaks I have been sick with the flu."

"Right before spring break, I got two F's and a D on a midterm report and I was on punishment for about a month."

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Dinosaur exhibit opens; education officials hope to increase visitor volume

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Union Station officials are hoping a 65-foot, 100-million-year-old dinosaur will attract up to 100,000 more visitors a year and help pull the struggling Kansas City market out of the red.

The new, \$1 million exhibit opened Wednesday in Science City, the featured attraction at Union Station. Its centerpiece is the live reconstruction of dinosaur bones that were unearthed in Wyoming in 1997 by University of Kansas paleontology students. Each bone was mounted in a plaster-and-burlap cast for preservation and kept at the university. The dinosaur lab is the first major exhibit in Science City, which has been criticized for not having enough science. Officials said the exhibit will be the best dinosaur laboratory of its kind in the country, and the only one to show the entire process of preparing dinosaur bones for exhibition.

Just as Earth's history evolved, so is Science City," said Dean Jernigan, Union Station's director of science and programming. The dinosaur is a Camarasaur, the largest three excavated at the Wyoming site. The name the Union Station dinosaur was given in honor of the

owner of the property where its bones were found, was thought to have drowned in a flood and was found on its back, said Larry Martin, curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Kansas museum.

A Kansas paleontology graduate student and Science City educators will clean up the bones, fix fractures and put them into molds to make solid plastic replicas. The replicas will be gradually assembled over a period of 18 months to two years into a complete skeleton.

Visitors will be able to see the bones and molds being prepared behind windows, and occasionally will be able to ask questions about the process.

Sean O'Byrne, interim director of Union Station, said consultants estimate the dinosaur exhibit will boost paid admission at Science City by as much as 20 percent, or an annual increase of 80,000 to 100,000 visitors.

Union Station has been losing money since it reopened in 1999. The dinosaur exhibit is part of a redevelopment effort that includes the recent reopening of the planetarium, an upcoming rail museum and rental of space for the U.S. Postal Service and other offices.

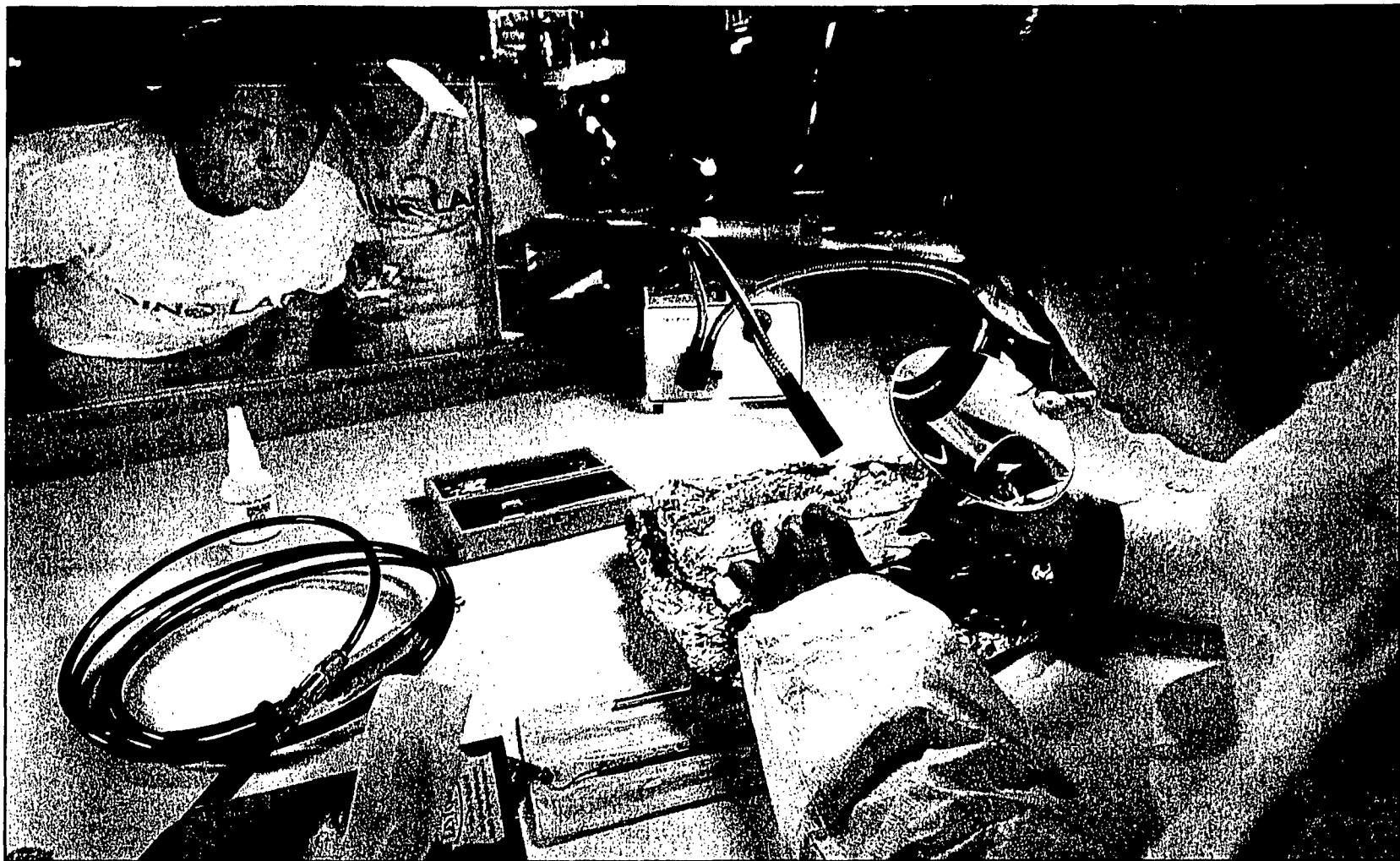


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Della Lamb Elementary Charter School students Hien Nguyen, left, and AnaMaria Perez watched through the glass while Science City educator Tami Lucero Scrapes clean a 140 million year old fossilized rib bone of a Camarasaurus Tuesday, March 15, 2005, during the grand opening of the Dino Lab inside Science City in Kansas City, Mo. Visitors to the lab will get to see first hand how the bones found in Wyoming and unearthed by a team from the University of Kansas are prepared and eventually put together a complete dinosaur skeleton for display in Science City.

JUDGE: Local man up for retrial in 1995 murder case

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One of the main arguments for retrial will be that the medical examiner who performed the autopsy on Debra Jo, Michael Berkland, gave "perjured testimony" in that he declared injuries to Debra Jo's face were not sustained from the combine, but from a direct blow to the head—implying Taylor premeditated his wife's murder.

This testimony took the defense by surprise in the original trial; according to the motion, the defense lawyers failed to question these conclusions and did not try to raise questions regarding Berkland's credibility. This testimony proved a key piece of evidence the prosecution used to push for a first-degree murder charge.

But Feb. 9, 1996, the Jackson County, Mo., Medical Examiner's office fired Berkland for falsifying at least eight autopsy reports. Dr. Berkland, a very critical prosecution witness, has been excused as a liar and a charlatan," said. "The court reviewed the cases he was involved in, including this one, leading to the revocation of his medical license."

During today's hearing, Gipson will also present testimony from psychologist Dr. William Logan, who diagnosed Taylor with a "delusional disorder" in the original trial. Logan testified Taylor was in a delusional state, believing Debra Jo intended to divorce him. According to the motion, Logan testified Taylor "had fluctuating thoughts

about killing his wife, eventually lunging under the combine himself to pull her out, suffering a collapsed lung and several cracked ribs. Such ambivalence is characteristic of a person with delusional thinking."

Gipson said this testimony is crucial to the defense of mental illness, which was negated by Berkland's testimony.

Jim Taylor, William's brother, said he does not believe his brother was capable of the premeditated murder of his wife and he did not notice any problems between the couple prior to the incident. He said without the money to hire a good lawyer, it's very hard to get a fair trial.

"Unless you have money, you can't beat the state," Taylor said. "You have to spend a million dollars to win."

Gipson said if granted a new trial, a second-degree murder charge—which carries the possibility for parole after 25 and a half years—may actually be a considered a victory.

"Other than the death penalty, anything's better than life without parole," Gipson said. "But any results we might have with a retrial, I think certainly that if the case was properly done I feel pretty confident we'll get something other than a first-degree murder result."

Assistant Attorney General Stephanie Morrell, who was unavailable for comment, will represent the state in this case.

The hearing took place at the Nodaway County Courthouse at 9 a.m.

Centennial garden project underway

BY BEN KOEHN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As Northwest gears up for its 100 year anniversary, construction begins on a commemorative Centennial Garden.

While the ceremonial groundbreaking of the garden won't happen until March 30, students can already find backhoes and bulldozers tearing through the grounds in the courtyard in front of South Complex.

"As you go from east to west (across campus), you get a little more of an industrial look," said Environmental

Services Associate Director Lezlee Johnson. "We wanted to soften that."

The garden will come complete with a fire pit, an assortment of trees, a waterfall and fountains where students will be able to relax, hang out and soak their feet.

"It might be pretty cool to have a gathering place to hang out," said Justin Hamilton, a wildlife ecology and conservation management major who lives in South Complex.

The groundbreaking ceremony will coincide with the opening of a time capsule. The time capsule, buried in the ground near the library for

the past 25 years, will be opened at 3 p.m. March 30. At 3:30, the groundbreaking ceremony will take place in the courtyard between South and North complexes.

"It's always been a dead area," said Syd Weybrew, a project coordinator for the garden. "We want to give students a place to have fun and relax."

The garden project started when the centennial committee started planning for the celebration. The committee wanted to plant trees in honor of the event, when Johnson pitched a design for a garden that had been created by a former Northwest

student, Brad Snowpeck, three years ago.

Snowpeck drew a design of a garden for a class project and pitched the idea to somebody as part of the project. He presented the idea to Environmental Services and Johnson liked it.

"I thought 'This is a really good idea, let's try and get money for it,'" Johnson said.

Johnson held onto the idea and when given the opportunity to use the design for Northwest, she jumped at it.

The University hopes the project will be done in time for the start of school at the beginning of the fall 2005 trimester.

DEGREES: Majors inspired by biopharming now available

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Assistant Professor of Biology Jeff Thornsberry said the new degree programs are moving in the direction of the market place and an integration of science skills is the direction the market is going.

Thornsberry also believes the new areas of emphasis focus on a huge growing part of the economy. He said the rest of the world caught up with the United States in farming processes, and the need for new processes are in demand. He said many startup companies have formed on the east and west coasts; but the need for biopharming and nanotechnology will make its way to the Midwest.

"Utilization of biotechnology in the economy is growing at an astronomical rate," Thornsberry said. "It's important that we are preparing our students to go into that field."

"We currently don't have an extremely large number of majors preparing for that field. Having a company like Ventria gives students exposure."

Thornsberry and Lucido both said

it takes time to put together any degree program because the process of getting approval is lengthy. Fall of 2007 would be the soonest the programs could start, but early talk already draws interest from alumni and current students.

Lucido said some alumni have expressed interest in coming back and getting a master's degree; other students, like cellular molecular biology major Miranda Smith, are excited about what it will bring to Northwest.

Smith said the experience Ventria brings is what interests her. She believes Ventria will bring knowledge the professors don't necessarily have and working side by side with scientists will be a good opportunity.

"It's one of those fields that is kind of limited and we don't have all the resources," Smith said. "It's going to bring those resources in, and it's really going to change what Northwest is known for and it will be a huge recruiting tool."

BLUES MAN: Still playing blues after nearly 40 years

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tune because of the memories it stirs within them.

"I think people like that song the best because of how much they can relate," Chris Irwin, Forney's neighbor, said. "I love his music; it tells so much about him."

Forney's CDs are available online, at Hastings Music Warehouse in St. Joseph, 1-2-4 Music in Maryville or out of the trunk of his car.

Forney still feels a bit nervous each time he performs a gig, such

as the ones in St. Joseph every Thursday at Legends and Saturdays at First Ward, both from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

When it comes down to it, Forney's favorite things are the simple things.

"Fame is an interesting thing," Forney said. "It can eat you up like cancer, but money really isn't the deal for me. Music has become a way of life and I just need to pay my bills to survive. What I really want to do is just drive my bus and play my music."

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Sophomore album builds 50's debut

BY DAN BRADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The history of reigning hip-hop royalty 50 Cent could be taught at any school across the country, and it probably will be some day. He has as interesting a story as anyone in music and even captured the ears of millions along the way with his debut album "Get Rich or Die Trying." The story continues with the recent release of his sophomore album "The Massacre."

50 is hip-hop's prodigal son. In 1999, his original album, tackily entitled, "Power of the Dollar," was shelved due to label disputes with then-employer Columbia Records, causing him to duck into the underground. After making the news by being shot nine times and having connections with the murder of Run-DMC DJ Jam Master Jay, he was then thrust upon the public by none other than Eminem. "Get Rich or Die Trying" then haphazardly blew up and went multi-platinum. Although that may sound as much a Cinderella story as they come, 50 is not what you would call progressive.

Essentially, 50 Cent is part of the problematic side of hip-hop. For instance, he constantly walks around with his shirt off, flaunting the rapper/sex symbol gimmick overused in hip-hop today. He also dwells on the negative side, and although the use of hard-edged subject matter has become a mainstay in hip-hop, artists usually balance that side with positive messages, such as Nas' "I Know I Can" or Jay-Z's "Song Cry." What's even more alarming is his ego, which is currently being fueled by a rivalry with his own protegee.

All that said, one can step aside the persona and listen to "The Massacre" as an album. Surprisingly, 50 doesn't disappoint, providing the same innovative atmosphere that cast "Get Rich" into the mainstream.

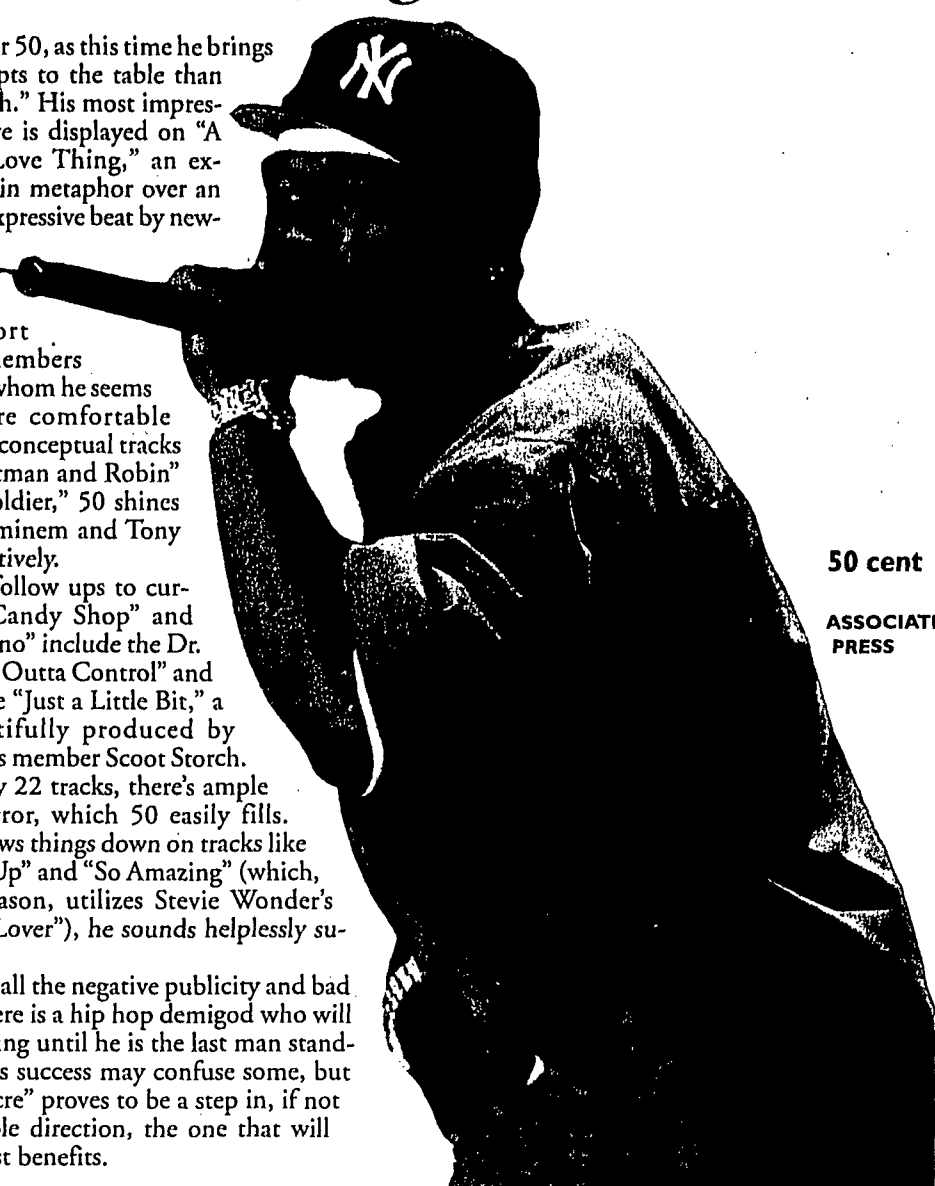
Loaded with substance, "The Massacre" exhib-

its growth for 50, as this time he brings more concepts to the table than on "Get Rich." His most impressive narrative is displayed on "A Baltimore Love Thing," an extended heroin metaphor over an infectious, expressive beat by newcomer Cue Beats. He gains further support from the members of his crew, whom he seems to feel more comfortable around. On conceptual tracks such as "Gatman and Robin" and "Toy Soldier," 50 shines alongside Eminem and Tony Yayo, respectively.

Worthy follow ups to current hits "Candy Shop" and "Disco Inferno" include the Dr. Dre banger "Outta Control" and the seductive "Just a Little Bit," a track beautifully produced by former Roots member Scoot Storch.

At a hefty 22 tracks, there's ample room for error, which 50 easily fills. When he slows things down on tracks like "Build You Up" and "So Amazing" (which, for some reason, utilizes Stevie Wonder's "Part Time Lover"), he sounds helplessly superficial.

Amongst all the negative publicity and bad personas, there is a hip hop demigod who will stop at nothing until he is the last man standing. 50 cent's success may confuse some, but "The Massacre" proves to be a step in, if not the acceptable direction, the one that will reap the most benefits.



50 cent

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The Top 5

THE BILLBOARD 200

1. "The Massacre" 50 Cent
2. "Rebirth" Jennifer Lopez
3. "In Between Dreams" Jack Johnson
4. "Frances the Mute" The Mars Volta
5. "The Documentary" The Game

COUNTRY ALBUMS

1. "Feels Like Today" Rascal Flatts
2. "Totally Country Vol. 4" Various Artists
3. "Here for the Party" Gretchen Wilson
4. "Be As You Are" Kenny Chesney
5. "Greatest Hits" Shania Twain

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

1. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" Green Day
2. "Little Sister" Queens of The Stone Age
3. "E-Pro" Beck
4. "Mr. Brightside" The Killers
5. "Scars" Papa Roach

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Book profiling county history pleases local attorney

BY G. SPENCER MILLER
SPECIAL TO THE NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Several years ago I moved to Nodaway County not having much knowledge about the county. Born with a natural curiosity and an interest in history, I began to ask about the historical background of my new home. As time passed I gleaned some information about the area that became Nodaway County. However, what I looked for was a readable historical account containing the information for which I searched. I was referred to a few sources containing limited information from being in any easily readable form.

Then, one morning while trading small talk at the local deli where I water my coffee thirst in the morning, someone mentioned reading *Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales* by Joseph Baumli, Ph.D. Of course, I knew Joe Baumli, but I did not know anything about *Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales*.

My first problem was to find a copy of *Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales* because it was an unpublished manuscript. A friend of mine found a copy of the manuscript and borrowed it so I could make a photocopy for my own reading. That accomplished I began my review.

Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales is a history of Nodaway County from its days of earliest settlement to 1910. The reason 1910 was selected as the end point of the history is by 1910 Nodaway County reached the highest peak in its population; after that time, the population decreased and never again approached its highest point.

Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales is extremely well-written and very interesting for anyone interested in the history of Nodaway County. Old settlements and towns that faded into the past came to life in the pages of this history. The discussion of the impact of the railroads on the county was extremely well

done. Only two towns in Nodaway County existed before the coming of the railroads and did not have a connection to one of the railroads that remained alive and well to the present—Conception and Graham.

The Civil War and its effect on Nodaway County were investigated. Apparently, Nodaway County was a microcosm of the state of Missouri during the civil war as the county was divided. Slave owners and southern sympathizers lived in the county as well as many who lived adamantly opposed to slavery. Communities were divided and the issues left scars on the people of Nodaway County for many years after the end of the war.

Another reason I found *Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales* intriguing is the fact Joe Baumli is an investigative historian. He not only spent time researching the available written material on the county's history; he went and spoke to "old-timers" about their recollections. He searched for the old location of Re-

indeer, the residence of Isaac N. Prather, one of earliest settlers of the county. He went out to find the location of the cast-iron posts used to mark the state line of Missouri and Iowa, after the state line was moved by the U.S. Supreme Court, following the Honey Wars. It had been said only one such marker existed, but Joe found the other three that would have been part of the northern boundary of Nodaway County. He sought to find the location of long-forgotten cemeteries so they could be catalogued in his history.

I thoroughly enjoyed *Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales* but it is best to let all future readers discover all of the excitement on their own.

Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Tales is a must-read for everyone genuinely interested in Nodaway County. Baumli is to be highly commended for his hard work and devotion invested in what I believe is the best and most comprehensive history of the county.

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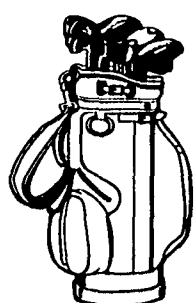
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A House to Call a Home

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Paying \$700 for a plane ticket might seem pricey, but quickly ensuring transportation to a spring break destination so more time can be spent on entertainment can be worth the price.

For 18 students, that spring break money provides for a different cause.

On Friday, Newman Center students will embark on a 14-hour drive from Maryville to San Antonio, Texas, where they will work for the Habitat for Humanity cause.

Nearly 900 miles away from home during the highly awaited break from school, this group set aside other plans to give to those who cannot provide for themselves. Habitat for Humanity builds and improves simple housing plans so those in need can be supplied with decent shelter conditions.

"It is remarkable that the students take the time from their own spring break vacation to help, not to mention all the other time to plan, organize and explain the purpose of the trip," Newman Center sponsor Bridget Brown said. "It's hard work. It is a gift worth much more time than that put into San Antonio."

Newman Student Council decided to take the trip as an alternative to the spring break vacation. The Newman Center made two previous Habitat for Humanity trips before this year's, every other year for the past six years.

The University's volunteer office organizes the initial plans of the trip and provides the organized structure for students to pursue volunteer opportunities.

"A lot of us have always wanted to do something like this, but we just never had the chance," advertising and Spanish major Jennifer Butler said. "The opportunity is there and I think that everyone wants to give to those who can't provide for themselves."

To date, over 175,000 houses have been built worldwide. The houses, built to be safe, reliable and affordable to the occupants are affordable to low-income families because Habitat doesn't profit off the houses, nor is there any mortgage interest charged. This allowed over 750,000 people the greatly needed shelter.

The Habitat for Humanity idea started in 1965 with millionaires Millard and Linda Fuller, to address housing issues within poverty-stricken areas; in 1973, the Fullers applied the concept to developing countries to improve upon living conditions and in 1976, founded Habitat for Humanity International.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, poor living conditions exist in Nodaway County. The Christian-based, nonprofit organization relies on donations to fulfill the needs of the community. A house fitting standard living conditions costs around

\$50,000. Monetary donations from the government are not accepted; however, land from the government is, and this lowers the total costs of the project. The organization enforces strict rules concerning how and from where contributions come; any type of donation against Christian morals will not be received.

"We are very grateful to the community for the continuous support; pancake breakfasts, raffles and numerous fundraisers," Brown said. "They really stepped forward to donate prizes for the raffle and general donations, to both the Newman Center and the project."

The trip consists of an overnight stop in Oklahoma City, where the group will stop at the Oscar Romero Catholic Worker House. The House provides food services to lower income residents and also tends an urban garden. The group will have the opportunity to tour the house and garden area, as well as deliver food Saturday morning.

Once they arrive in San Antonio, the group will begin work on a section of housing where currently 12 houses are in progress.

The students will work in numerous different areas of construction; some in charge of siding, paint and general construction. They will work alongside many additional volunteers and the family members who will soon occupy the houses.

"I think that this will open eyes to other people who are less fortunate," Butler said. "I believe that it'll make us all look at things in a different aspect and appreciate what we have."

The students held various fundraising events to raise money for the trip. Fundraising, donations and the students' personal money comprise the trip funds. Each student gives \$125, which will be split between the Nodaway County's and San Antonio's Habitat for Humanity programs. The group will also donate to the Oscar Romero Catholic Worker House to thank them for food and lodging during their stay.

"It is a powerful experience to choose to do and it really says something about the inner life of students," Brown said. "They can be involved in something bigger than they are, and be able to see the impact they are making on the families that need the houses."

Swimsuits traded in for pants and boots may not be the ideals of spring break. The long bus ride north won't only bring students back to spend Easter with their families, but also memories and bonds with each other, for giving up the same opportunities of a week-long vacation, for those who will benefit years from now.

"It is very moving, as a grown up, to reinforce the certainty that this youth is the future and that is something to look forward to," Brown said.

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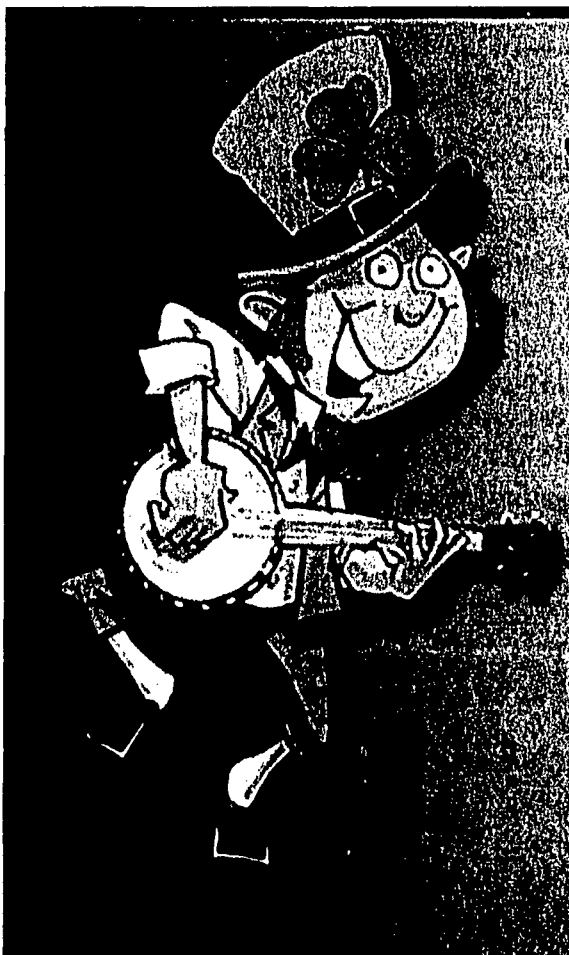
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A Higher Note



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From left to right, Jon Kindler, bass, Landon Temke, drums, Derek Poe, vocals/ guitar and Lucas Larson, vocals/guitar. The four friends make up the band Asleep for Dreaming.

Local bands relay messages of hope and dedication through song

BY ASHLEY BALLY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

People have creative outlets expressed in many different ways. Some students on campus find that outlet by crafting original songs and spreading a message through their melodies.

During Thursdays at the Union, students on campus had the opportunity to listen to that message. Sheri Lynn Howard and the Noise, and Asleep for Dreaming showcased their talents for the event.

Sheri Lynn Howard and the Noise perform original praise songs as an expression of the group's dedication to spreading God's word.

"My spirituality and Christian beliefs inspire all of the songs I write," Howard said.

The group is dedicated to the principles they believe most important: their family and friends.

During the concert Howard would break for small, light-hearted comedy spots as well as promoting a CD set to be released in April.

Sheri Lynn Howard and The Noise are set to perform at the spring Show Choir concert, April 22.

After wrapping up their performance, Asleep for Dreaming took the stage in the Union Ballroom.

Asleep for Dreaming, performing together for under a year, formed last summer after acquiring Jon Kindler as the new bass player.

Comprised of members Derek Poe, vocals/guitar; Lucas Larson, vocals/guitar; Jon Kindler, bass and Landon Temke, drums, the band includes three sophomores at Northwest, Larson, Kindler and Poe whereas Temke is a junior at Maryville High School.

"We have been a band since last August," Kindler said. "When we switched bass players we started creating all new music, and changed our style from the former band, Riding Shotgun."

The group's style has been described as indie-progressive rock and alternative rock. Larson describes the band as performing "high-voltage rock." The guys work together

in songwriting and composing their own music in an attempt to stay as original as possible.

Influences stem from many other musical groups such as Switchfoot, Number One Fan and Armor for Sleep.

"Our main thing is we're normal guys and are experiencing normal life," Kindler said. "We write our experiences with relationships and our relationship with God."

As college students, the guys know all-to-well the strains that come with maintaining a band and achieving a degree. The group prioritizes practicing and works on their sound every day.

"It's a process juggling school and work but it's what we want to do so we make the time for it," Kindler said.

On top of maintaining practices and school, Asleep for Dreaming is also in the process of recording a five track EP, working out of The Electric Dungeon in Kansas City, and also plans to tour over the summer.

"It's all a big 'what if' right now but we are excited to take that next step," Kindler said.

Asleep for Dreaming, also performed last Friday at The Pub for the Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert. This was their first bar performance and it held significance, since they were raising money.

"It was great to be a part of helping the cause," Kindler said. "It was cool to play in Maryville two nights in a row."

Kindler believes the main purpose of the band lies in spreading hope and being original with their fans and themselves.

"That is one thing that is a concern with the culture," Kindler said. "Everyone is trying to be like the next guy. We are trying to step out of that social boundary."

Asleep for Dreaming scheduled a performance at Rebels in Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 26. To learn and hear more about the band check out www.myspace.com/asleepfordreaming.

"EVERYONE IS TRYING TO BE LIKE THE NEXT GUY; WE ARE TRYING TO STEP OUT OF THAT SOCIAL BOUNDARY."

-Jon Kindler
Bass, Asleep for Dreaming



PHOTO BY ADAM WATSON/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Sheri Lynn Howard, band member of The Noise, performs during local band night at the Union.

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Track trio finish in top 8 at nationals

All-American honors passed out to Samuel, Prange, Falkner twice

BY SHAUNDA FRENCH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

E.J. Falkner made up for a bad start Friday and almost came away from Boston with gold medal.

The sophomore only placed ninth in the preliminaries on Friday of the 60-meter dash but made a huge jump as he finished with a time of 6.81 and a second-place finish.

Falkner also added a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.64 as he led a small group of Northwest athletes in what turned out to be a good weekend in Boston for the Division II Track and Field Nationals.

Falkner, senior Clint Prange, and junior Melissa Samuel all now hold the status of being an All-American.

"I'm very pleased with the results," Northwest women's track coach Scott Lorek said. "I was very satisfied."

Prange, who currently holds the Northwest school record, received the bronze medal in the shot put after a throw of 61'11". Prange was amazed at the toughness of the competition. In fact, of the top four throws in Division II history, three of the four came this year with Prange's throw placing him third.

"To finish third place is a pretty astonishing thing," Prange said. "It was really good competition. Any other year, I would have thrown like mine would have probably won it."

Sophomore Dallas Flynn placed ninth in the shot put with a toss of 53'7 3/4" and junior Diezas Calbert competed in the triple jump with a distance of 46'08"1/4. Although Calbert did not qualify for the final, he felt it was a good experience.

"Overall the team competed very well but personally for me, I was disappointed in my performance," said Calbert. "Being that it was my first time at nationals, I take it as a learning experience and intend to go back and compete better."

Senior Mary Wirt finished her career at Northwest, with a ninth-place finish in the shot put, with a toss of 54'2 3/4". Wirt finished just shy of the All-American status, which honors the top eight. Nonetheless,

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"I think I have great support in Maryville and they're not putting any pressure on me to be any more successful than anybody else."

- ZACH MORLEY
WISCONSIN SENIOR



A Taste of Madness

BY JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

From collages to high school photos to the background of his computer, basketball pictures fill Del Morley's office.

But out of those photos, one person in particular sticks out.

His 21-year-old son, Zach Morley, can be seen on the walls representing the Maryville High School boys' basketball team. A collage of Zach sits near the desk; even Del's background for his computer is covered with a picture of the Maryville native.

So what makes Zach different than any other child? Del's son is a 6'8" senior forward for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers.

"It's pretty exciting, as you would expect," said Del, who coached basketball at Northwest in the early 1990s. "After two years it's still strange to be able to watch him on TV. I had four boys that played (basketball), so it's always in the back of your mind—there's that hope that maybe one of them had that chance to (play at the Division I level)."

Zach, a 2001 Maryville High School graduate, bloomed in his two short years at Wisconsin. The senior averages 7.5 points and 4.6 rebounds per game primarily off the bench. Just this past weekend he was honored as a member of the Big Ten Tournament team. He averaged 15 points per game in the three games of the tournament.

However, Zach's path to the present wasn't as simple as most players' journey to the Division I level. Plagued by knee injuries during his senior year of high school, the incapacitations limited Zach to just 13 games. Despite the injury, the 'Hounds won districts in 2001, without him.

"I think if we would had him with us, it's one of those—boy, we had a great shot of going back to the Final Four or maybe winning it all," Maryville head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

Zach would go on to play at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa, for two years after high school. He averaged 15.2 points per game in his sophomore year and was honored on the all-region team. He then received many offers from schools around the country, but chose Wisconsin as his school.

"They had just won the Big Ten two years in a row and they had pretty much everybody coming back, so obviously we were going to have a good team," Zach said. "The style of play really allows everybody to be successful inside and outside."

For Zach, basketball always came naturally. Zach is the third child in a family of four boys. His father coached at Benedictine University, Drury University and Tarkio College, before coming to Northwest in 1988. He helped coach the team until 1994 and currently works in the financial aid office.

Both of his older brothers, Mike and Ryan, coach at Highland Community College in Highland, Kan. His younger brother, Nate, graduated from Maryville last year and currently attends Indian Hills. It's safe to say basketball runs in the blood of the Morleys.

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Former Maryville High School standout Zach Morley will participate in the NCAA Tournament beginning Friday.

Bats find new life for Bearcats in midweek romps

Northwest knocks in 48 runs over four-game span, 12 score in one inning Tuesday

BY COLE YOUNG
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Through the first month of the baseball season the Bearcats faced a dilemma—scoring runs.

Six times in that stretch, the 'Cats were held to less than four runs, a low run output by college baseball standards.

It's safe to say that problem might be gone now. In their four games this week, the squad combined for 48 runs, while allowing just 10. "I think we were just sort of in a slump," Northwest coach Darin Loe said. "A lot of our hitters were questioning their ability to hit

curveballs and just not having good at bats."

That all seemed to change Tuesday when the 'Cats exploded for 12 first-inning runs against Minnesota-Crookston.

All nine batters in the lineup reached home plate during that inning.

Wednesday it was more of the same successful batting for Northwest. After inching by Valley City State 3-2, the bats erupted again in the second game, as the 'Cats shelled the Vikings 17-1.

In game one, Northwest fell behind 2-1 heading into the top of the sixth inning. Seth Evans hit in Ryley Westman, however, tying game at two. After Evans stole second, Britt Westman de-

livered with a single that pushed Evans home to give them the eventual game-winning run.

Britt, just a freshman, has caught the eye of Loe and found himself batting cleanup for the 'Cats.

"(Britt) is a really level-headed player," Loe said. "He doesn't carry anything with him. You look at him and you can't tell if he has gone 0-4 or 4-4 at the plate; he has a job and he does it."

The confidence gained by the offensive explosion resonated throughout the whole lineup. Shortstop Pat Whitt is one of those who notices the mental boost.

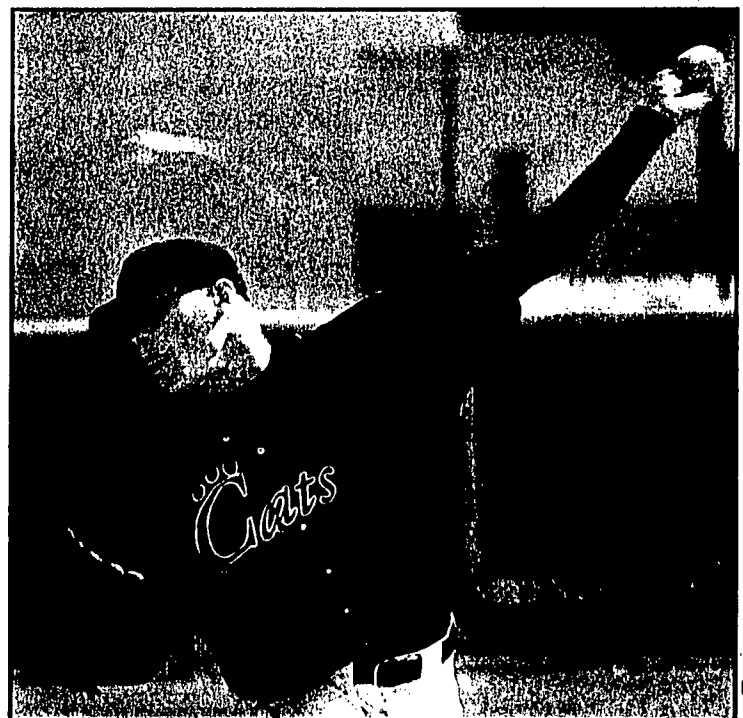
"It seems like guys are just so much more confident when they go up there," Whitt said. "That goes a long way in an at-bat."

Northwest doesn't have any time to enjoy riding the four-game winning streak, as this weekend they face off against Wayne State

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Northwest
17-3
Valley City
1-2



Alex Budden delivers a pitch Tuesday to a batter from the University of Minnesota-Crookston. Budden and the Northwest baseball team won the game 17-3. The Bearcats have won four straight games and their record now stands at 8-9.

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PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Sophomore Tami Phillips hauls in a throw Tuesday against Park University. The throw made it just in time and the Northwest softball team was able to sweep the two-game series. The Bearcats record was improved to 12-5 as they prepare for a trip to Florida.

Softball rides winning streak into spring break trip to Sunshine state

BY KYLIE MCDONOUGH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Despite cold weather, the Northwest softball team swept Park University in a double-header Tuesday on their home turf, 5-0, in each contest.

"It's always good to come away with a win at home in front of our own fans," coach Susan Anderson said.

Northwest started both games with full force and it paid off in the end.

"They're being more confident at the plate and more aggressive on good pitches," Anderson said.

Sophomore starting pitcher, Talina Canon, threw a no-hitter until the top of the sixth inning in game one. Park's shortstop Stephanie Ryherd hit a line drive to centerfield to end the no-hitter.

"I was really pleased with the pitching today," Anderson said. "I think all three pitch-

ers had a great day and gave great performances."

Canon gave up one hit and no runs the entire game.

"It was awesome," Canon said of her pitching. "It always feels good to have a great game like that."

Tami Phillips contributed two doubles in the first and third innings gaining three RBIs and bringing the score to 3-0. Katy John hit a sacrifice fly to left field, allowing Megan Stalder to come home raising the score to 4-0. Catcher Sarah Johnson hit a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth, the last time Northwest scored in the game.

"Everyone played really well," Canon said. "We got good hits when we needed them."

The women started strong in the first inning of the second game with Crystal Gustin contributing a double to left field; with Ashley Pride followed with a two-run homer.

John singled in the fifth inning, allowing Linellis Santiago to score, following her double to right field. John went on to steal second base, giving her three total stolen bases for the day, her tenth for the season. Pride hit her second home run in the game her fifth for the season. Pride walked away with three runs, three hits and four RBIs for the day.

"I was pleased and excited," Pride said of her home runs. "We always hope when we play a team to really dominate, and we did that."

Northwest vs. Minnesota St.

The Bearcat softball team fought against frigid, winter-like weather and their visiting opponents from Minnesota State University-Moorhead on Monday at Bearcat Field.

The 'Cats dominated the home opener, with starting pitcher Shelly MacDonald going the distance in the 5-2 victory.

"It's always great to be playing at home," MacDonald said. "I really didn't even think about the cold with the intensity the team was showing."

The second game appeared it would also belong to the 'Cats as they grabbed a one-run lead in the third inning, but the visiting Dragons threw together a four-hit, three run sixth inning and closed the 'Cats down in the final inning to escape with the 3-1 victory.

MacDonald appeared un-hittable in the first game, retiring the first 12 hitters she faced, until she ran into trouble in the fifth inning giving up a single to Kylie Rogalla and then a home run to pitcher Sonja Schuurmans.

MacDonald would regroup after the home run and refuse to give up anymore runs in the final two innings ending the day with six strikeouts.

"Sarah (Johnson) is doing a great job of please see "SOFTBALL" page 2B

Six baseball players to attend hearing

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Mark McGwire plans to comply with a subpoena and attend Thursday's congressional hearing into steroid use in baseball, The Associated Press has learned.

McGwire's decision, revealed Wednesday by a representative of the former Oakland and St. Louis slugger who spoke on condition of anonymity, made it likely all six subpoenaed players would attend the session on Capitol Hill.

Jose Canseco's request for immunity was denied by the House Government Reform committee, which also revealed that baseball's drug-testing agreement

contains a provision that testing would be "suspended immediately" if the government conducts an independent investigation into drug use in baseball.

Canseco's lawyer said the former AL MVP will not be able to answer questions that would incriminate him.

"No witnesses have been or will be granted immunity," David Marin, a spokesman for committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis, said in an e-mail to the AP.

Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke, was angry with the decision. "It begs the question as to what they're convening this hearing for," Saunooke said in a telephone interview. "They effectively cut the legs off from underneath us."

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-Robert Saunooke

Lawyer for former baseball player Jose Canseco's



PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Northwest second baseman Katy John covers first base during a game against Park University on Monday. The 'Cats swept the series.

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calling the game behind the plate," MacDonald said. "It feels good to come out and pitch well against a good hitting team."

MacDonald helped her own cause by going 1-2 with an RBI. Teammate Kaytee Schulenberg went 2-3 with two RBIs in the win.

The Dragons showed how well they could hit the ball in the second game, knocking in three runs on seven hits against pitcher Kelly Hainline in the win.

"They (Minnesota State University-Moorhead) batted over .300 as a team last year," Anderson said. "All our pitchers did a great job getting groundouts and fly balls."

The 'Cats had five hits in the second game, but were unable to string any together in the same inning. The 'Cats also committed four errors in the second game, allowing Minnesota State to threaten in just about every inning.

"Every win is a team win and every loss is a team loss. No one player is responsible for us winning or losing a game," Anderson said.

After the split the 'Cats sit at 11-5, while the Dragons sit at 3-1. Even with the loss on Monday, this year's team has gotten off to one of the best starts in Northwest history.

"We came in with the mindset of winning both games, but it was still good to get the split," Anderson said. "We just have to flush that last game and continue on."

The 'Cats will be back in action March 19-23 in Orlando, Fla., participating in the Rebel Spring Games. Opponents they expect to face include Saint Xavier, University Wisconsin-Parkside, Augustana, Missouri-St. Louis, Minnesota Duluth, West Virginia Wesleyan and Colorado Springs.

"We're going to be gone for a while," Anderson said. "But it always feels good to play at home in front of the home crowd."

-Brendan Kelley contributed to this story

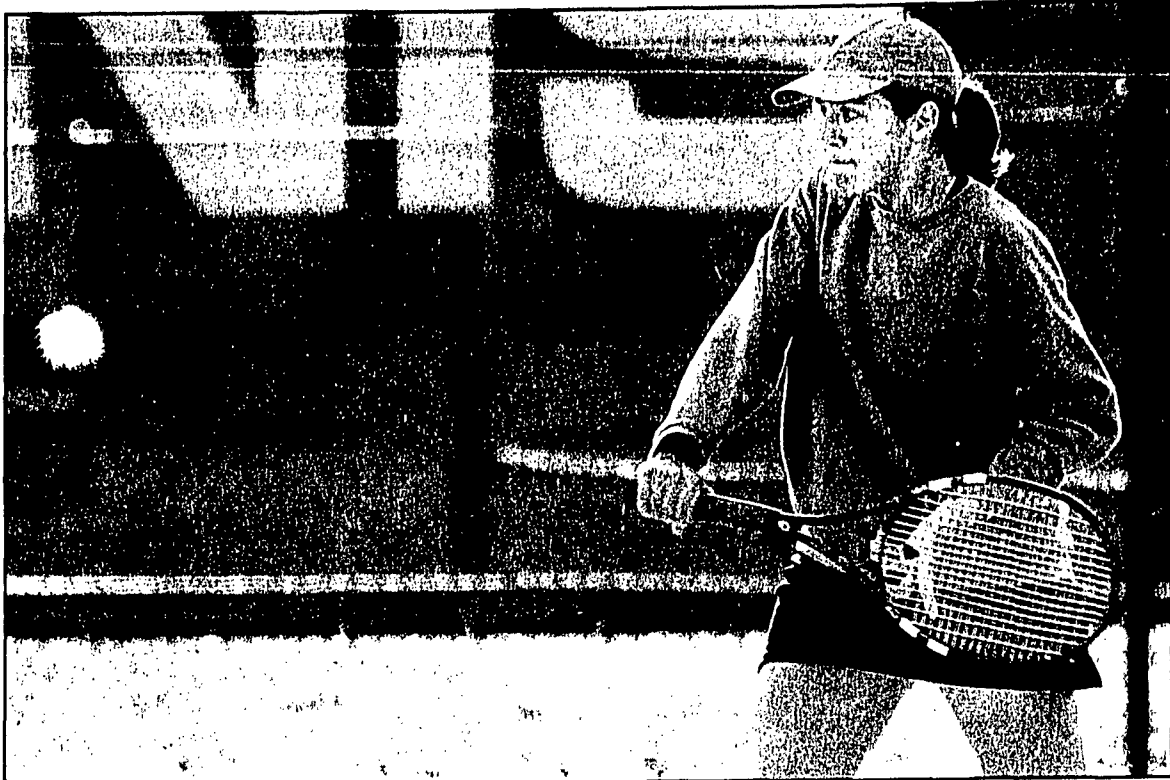


PHOTO BY ADAM WATSON/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Carolina Amaral returns a serve Wednesday afternoon during her match against Rockhurst University. Amaral won the match to improve her singles record to 6-0. The teams play host to Midwestern State today at 2 p.m.

Tennis runs into road block

BY AARON NELSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The stars seemed aligned for both the men's and women's tennis teams—until last weekend.

While the women continued to win over Southwest Baptist University the men didn't fare as well; they defeated the University of Nebraska-Kearney with a 5-4 victory to start the weekend, March 11. However, the men's team lost the following day, after they traveled to Springfield, Mo. In the first of two matches there, the Bearcats fell to Ouachita Baptist University of Arkansas, 8-1.

This put the first blemish on the men's season but it wouldn't be the last, as the very next day they once again faltered to the Panthers of Drury, 9-0.

All things considered, head coach Mark Rosewell is still pleased with his team.

"Actually, I thought we did pretty well. The match we needed to win was against Nebraska-Kearney," Rosewell said.

Rosewell emphasized the win over Nebraska-Kearney because that victory moved Northwest up to the No. 2 ranking in the regional poll done by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The losses last weekend dropped the men's team to 5-2 on the year, but Rosewell put those behind him. He feels confident his team will be okay as Ouachita Baptist and Drury were "better than us." That claim is supported with their eleventh and twelfth-place national rankings.

All things considered, Rosewell's not complaining; everything seems to be going according to his philosophy.

"Even with the losses, you want to play good

people and that's what we've always done here at Northwest—schedule good teams," Rosewell said. "Although we may not win all the matches, at least we're getting better."

The women's squad continues to steamroll the competition, currently sitting at 6-0 as of Wednesday, their most recent win being over conference foe Southwest Baptist University, 6-3. This is in no small part due to the team 'coming together' through hard work, and off-season preparation, according to junior Gena Lindsay.

However, like her coach, Lindsay is concerned about the team's upcoming schedule. The women play a total of eight matches, March 16-23. That stretch includes three road trips and two conference matchups with Missouri Southern State University and Emporia State University.

"The level of competition we're playing against is definitely going to step up," Lindsay said.

Both teams begin their tough stretches with home meets against Rockhurst University, traditionally a quality program, Wednesday. However, there will be no changes in strategy for the 'Cats as Rockhurst head coach Kendell Hale is quite familiar with Rosewell's strategy.

"Their coach (Kendell Hale) knows our approach since he played for me about 15 years ago," Rosewell said.

Last year Rosewell and the 'Cats won when the former teacher and former student faced off, but it was an extremely close match, ending in a one game difference of 5-4. From there, both teams face Midwestern State University of Texas, today.

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TRACK: Three Bearcats earn All-American status

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Coach Lorek was proud of Wirtz's performance.

"I'm very thankful (Wirtz) was on the team," Lorek said. "She had a tremendous career here at Northwest. You don't just replace someone like that."

Looking ahead to the outdoor season, one thing's for sure—the Bearcats are ready to go and compete outdoors.

"I'm looking forward to the whole season—to get outdoors and get the season underway," Lorek said.

For Calbert, he has high goals for the men's track and field team.

"With the talent we have there's a good chance we could win conference," Calbert said.

The Northwest men will start their outdoor season, traveling to San Antonio this coming weekend, the women head to Louisiana.

"It's a bright future for Bearcat track and field," Prange said.



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STREAK: 'Cats enjoy 4 straight home victories

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(Neb.) and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Wayne once ranked as high as 22nd, but fell out of the rankings after a recent losing streak.

UNO dealt the 'Cats a loss last weekend on a walk-off home run.

While getting the wins against opponents like Crookston and Valley City look nice on the record, players like Whitt are ready to face ranked teams like Wayne.

"We'd rather play teams like (UNO) every game," Whitt said. "That is more the level of team we are. We aren't looking past these other teams, though. We were able to get some stuff done against these guys."

Tuesday, the Bearcats kick off their MIAA season when they travel to Topeka, Kan., to face off against Washburn.

"We have some tough ball clubs coming up," Loe said. "It will be a good challenge for our squad."

TOP BATTING AVERAGES

Player	Avg.
Drew Mettill	.404
Matt Coons	.371
Tristan Stewart	.360
Cameron Dodd	.348
Kyle Gallagher	.339
Mike Babb	.333
Britt Westman	.291
Seth Evans	.288
Pat Whitt	.281
Will Newland	.257

TOP EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Brett Bognar	2.45
J.R. Servatius	2.70

*Only includes top starters

Mizzou takes early departure in NIT

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Drake Diener scored a career-high 30 points and tied his career best with seven 3-pointers, leading DePaul to a 75-70 victory over Missouri in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Quemont Greer added 17 points and Draelon Burns had six assists for the Blue Demons (20-10), who dropped to the NIT after losing three of the last four regular-season games. DePaul will play the winner of Clemson vs. Texas A&M in the second round.

Linas Kleiza had 23 points and Thomas Gardner 17 for Missouri (16-17), which had a losing season for the

first time since it also was 16-17 in 1996-97. The Tigers have been in the postseason eight straight seasons, but the last two they've lost in the first round of the NIT.

Diener, who averages 13.6 points and is a 45 percent shooter from 3-point range, was 7-for-11 from long range and was the only DePaul player with a 3-pointer. He was at his best at the end, scoring DePaul's final seven points in the last 1:50. That included a tip-in by the 6-foot-5 guard with 20 seconds to go for a 73-70 lead.

Diener was 11-for-15 overall, topping his previous career best of 28 points against Dayton on March 18, 2004, and he hit seven 3-pointers for the second time in his career. He also had that many at

Charlotte on Feb. 16.

Missouri kept it close despite going almost 7 1/2 minutes between baskets in the second half and shooting 39.7 percent for the game. The Tigers hurt themselves with errant 3-point shooting, going 6-for-25.

Missouri finished 14-5 in its first season at the new Mizzou Arena. The game drew 5,997, the lowest of the season.

Diener had four 3-pointers and 16 points in the first half to help DePaul take a 41-38 lead. DePaul appeared to have taken control with a 19-6 run that put the Blue Demons ahead 35-25 with 4:42 to go in the first half, but Missouri scored the next nine points.

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th their first game sched-
for Monday, the
ville boys baseball
began practices a
weeks ago.

We're coming
g pretty good.
e we get a couple
erball players in
we'll be doing fine;
just doing a lot of
amentals now," said senior
ad basemen Tyler Wilson.
e 'Hounds have been with-
their teammates Evan and
Wilmes due to basketball
ing into the postseason.

he team returns with a nearly
state of players, after los-
ix starters to graduation last

We're basically starting over

with a fresh team, but (most) of
us have a lot of experience, so we
should do pretty swell," senior
third basemen Dylan Cloepfil
said.

Despite their loss of players,
the team returns with a strong
corps of seniors, including 2004
all-conference selection Josh
Wilmes.

"We lost our catcher, who was
an all-conference catcher. Jake
Mattson will be taking his spot,
Skyler Vandiver will be playing
shortstop when Josh (Wilmes) is
pitching...Dylan Cloepfil is our
utility infielder...he's one of those
kids that's going to be on the
field somewhere," head
coach Brian Lohafer
said.

The 'Hounds will
kick off their 2005
campaign on Monday
against Nebraska City.
That game will take
place at Maryville High
School and should start around
6 p.m. They hope to continue to
get better throughout the season,
topping last year's 6-15 record.

"I would just like to get
better...But if you're better than
you were last year that's quite an
improvement," Lohafer said. "So
if we can improve to above .500
and win some close games, that
would be great."

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Maryville soccer goalie Ashley Blanchard stops a shot during practice on Tuesday. The Maryville girls soccer team gets underway next Thursday with a matchup against conference foe Lafayette. The Spoofhounds are hoping to continue the success they had last season and hopefully win districts and conference.

Titles on the minds of young 'Hounds

BY SETH HERROLD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Spoofhounds soc-
cer team will take the field once again,
as the girls' season quickly approaches.
The season starts Thursday, March
24, on the road at Lafayette.

'Hounds' coach Bayo Oludaja is
excited about the upcoming season
and set high goals for the team.

"We have two major goals,"

Oludaja said. "We want to win con-
ference and also districts; of course as
a result of that, go to state."

Last season the 'Hounds had a
good season going 3-1-1 in confer-
ence, and going 2-1 in districts. They
would like to make that final jump
over the hump, and win both confer-
ence and districts.

Despite high expectations,
Oludaja is confident in the girls.

"They are challenging goals, but

we can achieve them," he said.

Despite losing five seniors to
graduation, the 'Hounds should pos-
sess plenty of leadership and scoring.

"I will expect all our returning se-
niors to do a super job for us,"
Oludaja said. "Some underclassmen
that we have had a very strong year
last year; this should be their season
to show what they've got."

When the 'Hounds travel to
Lafayette, they begin their quest to

capture the MEC title. A lot of hype
surrounds the 'Hounds up coming
season, but coach Oludaja is confident
of the girls' readiness.

"We are almost there," he said.
"We have quite a significant number
of new players, so right now we are in
the process of finding out who plays
where and who will fill the hole left
by last year's seniors. I think by the
end of this week, however, we will be
ready to compete."

Former Spoofhound dream comes true in Wisconsin

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don't feel like they have ever had
ay, it was always their choice to
Del said. "In fact, I encouraged
to play some other sports but they
as they migrated back to
eball. They would get a day off
practice in high school, and you
find them out here at the rec
trying to sneak on a court to play.
as they just grew up with a real
for it."

Del said he will head down to Okla-
a City early Friday morning to
Zach in the NCAA Tournament.
comes off a short week in which he
led to Chicago for the Big Ten
Tournament, and returned
Monday morning.

When the Badgers take the court
for the first round of the NCAA
Tournament, many Maryville fans will
in to their television sets, rooting
Zach and Wisconsin. Though not
area fans can travel as frequently
they would like Zach still knows he
spoofhound faithful cheering him

It's great just talking to my friends
family back home, just to know
really have followed me my whole
er and how much they care about
Zach said. "That's a benefit of a
town; the community really fol-
you along."

Some small towns there might be
pressure for athletes to succeed
of high school and continue on
careers at the next level. Zach,
ever, says he never felt that pres-

"I think I have great support in
Maryville and they're not putting any
pressure on me to be any more success-

ful than anybody else," Zach said. "It's
just one of those things where I have a
little bit more attention on me."

Del says the fact Zach grew a lot
over the past few years, and the inten-
sity and aggressiveness he brings to the
game helped him get to where he is
today.

"His brothers called him the cheap-
shot artist when they played pick-up
games and stuff," Del said. "He's al-
ways had that meanness and toughness
to him. He's not afraid to mix it up."

Zach battled through more injuries
this season but continues to fight
through the adversity. Zach is still
pleased with his choice and doesn't re-
gret anything.

"It's been great, just night in and
night out I've played against some of
the best teams in the nations," Zach
said. "I've had a chance to do a lot of
things I never thought I would be able
to do."

Zach and the Badgers will step on
the floor Friday night in Oklahoma
City, facing the University of North-
ern Iowa in the first round of the
NCAA Tournament. The Badgers are
the six seed in the Syracuse Regional
while Northern Iowa sits at the 11th
seed. If the Badgers were to win their
opening game they could possibly face
the Kansas Jayhawks, the three seed,
in the second round.

Though Zach does not look past
Northern Iowa, the matchup would be
fun for him because he grew up watch-
ing the Jayhawks play.

After the season ends, Zach will fin-
ish his semester at Wisconsin and be-
gin thinking about the next level. He
said he has not put too much thought
into where he will be next year but

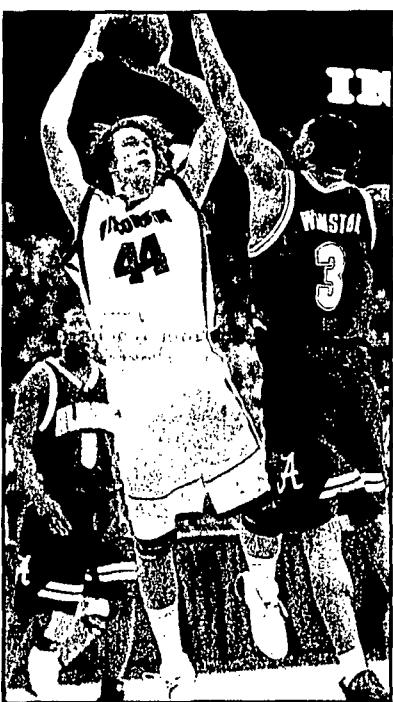


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Former Spoofhound turned Badger
Zach Morley shoots over an Alabama
defender. Wisconsin is making a run at
an NCAA title this year.

there is a possibility of playing overseas
in a European league.

However, even when the season
ends for Zach, he and those close to
him won't forget the good times from
the past couple years.

"It makes you feel very proud,"
Kuwitzky said. "The announcers refer
to him very frequently as a smart player,
a fundamentally sound player that's a
good player. I think he just represents
our whole community very, very well
and I'm very proud of him."

Mark my words: Royals alive in October

There's a picture that sits in a
drawer in my bedroom back in
Kansas City. It's of a little boy,
covered top to bottom in Kansas
City Royals clothing. On each
side of him sit his parents. He's
wearing the biggest
smile you have ever
seen, holding a
frosty malt in one
hand and a glove
on the other.

That boy was
me; now here I sit
years later, and I
am still a Royals fa-
natic. I still dress
up in all Royals
gear to go to games
and I still love frosty
malts, but some things changed
from those younger years. When
I was younger I remember going
to Kauffman stadium with my
parents and how crowded it was,
how excited people were to be at
a Kansas City Royals baseball
game. Now the only thing you see
at Kauffman stadium is an empty
parking lot and empty seats.

Times have changed. The
Royals are a far cry from the Cen-
tral powerhouse they once were
and fans seem to have forgotten
that Kansas City has a profes-
sional baseball club. Maybe folks
in Kansas City and the surround-
ing area would support the team
if they were "winning." Maybe
the strikes, player salaries and ste-
roids drove fans away from the
game.

There are a number of reasons
why people no longer feel the

need to support "the boys in blue."
Despite the way of things in ma-
jor league baseball as of late, I will
remain a Royals season ticket
holder and I pick the Kansas City
Royals to win the American
League Central Division this year.

I realize that the Royals come
off a season in which they lost a
club record 104 games, but there's
something about this year's team.
They don't really have any stars
outside of Mike Sweeney, who is
hurt most of the time. What this
team does have is a roster full of
young players with a lot to prove,
and a few veterans tired of seeing
their team at the bottom of the
Central division all year long.

The Royals have one of the
hardest playing second basemen in
the game in Tony Graffanino. A
veteran in the outfield unafraid to
step up and take leadership inside
the clubhouse in Matt Stairs and
a young pitcher staring a very long
and successful career in the eye in
Zack Greinke.

This will not be the most tal-
ented team to ever step on the field,
but it will be the hardest playing
team. I learned that last year, sit-
ting through a 104-loss season. I
can honestly tell you I enjoyed ev-
ery single game I attended last year.
I know the Royals will never be the
most talented team in the league,
at least not in the near future.

The reason I think the Royals
will win this year is simple. They
are tired. When a team comes to-
gether and decides they are sick
and tired of all the jokes, all the
put downs, and the lack of sup-

port; when a team decides they are
sick of reading about their down-
falls every single day in the news-
paper and listening to sports
broadcasters across the country
talk about how bad they are, it's
amazing what they can do.

Yes, the Royals are tired and I
am convinced this year, they will
do something about it. I would
not be surprised at all this sum-
mer to wake up in the morning
and grab the sports page, only to
read that the Kansas City Royals
lead the American League Central
Division.

Maybe I'm an eternal optimist.
Maybe I'm too much of a little kid
at heart who still believes that
sometimes the underdog wins.
Maybe it's because I can't think of
a better way to spend a hot sum-
mer night than under the lights at
Kauffman stadium but for what-
ever the reason, I "believe" in this
year's team.

Maybe it has something to do
with a thing called heart. You don't
see that much in major league
baseball today, but I promise you
will see it in Kansas City this sum-
mer.

I guess that isn't good enough for
some people in a society that has be-
come all about winning, but I'll be
there. I'll be the guy decked out in
Royals clothing, covered in frosty
malt and still hoping against hope
that come October, the Royals will
still be on the field with the dream
still alive.

After all, isn't that what baseball
is all about?
HOPE.



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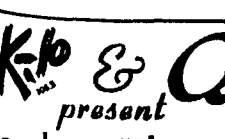
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Roommate nookie infuriates Stroller

Have you ever had this fun little experience? You're fast asleep in your dorm room. The lights are out. You're all cuddled up nice and warm in your big, soft blanket. Maybe your tummy is full of Domino's pizza. You're in that nice little stage of sleep where your brain doesn't work quite right. It's peaceful and serene—it's what manic-depressives live for.

But then something happens to disturb your descent into slumber. You hear something that sounds vaguely like your roommate making out with someone in his/her bed. But that couldn't be. This is college. This is supposed to be like summer camp. And there's no making out at summer camp, because they took that counselor away to where the bad people go.

But then, to your horror, you realize it is in fact the sound of true love—err—convenience. The beautiful thing is, they probably barely know each others' names.

Do they not realize that there is a third party in the room? It's not like I'm hiding in a closet where they can't see me; I'm eight feet across the room. I am well within awkward distance. Even in prison, they'll at least pull a sheet down over the bunk. My



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only protection is a Spider-Man 2 throw and an eighth of an inch of wax buildup in my ear canal.

"Ah crap! They're not? They are! For crying out loud! Can't they get a room? Or at least ask me for some privacy. Oh my god, it sounds like someone trying to suck the eyeballs from a sardine's head. Did he just call her 'baby'? Would somebody please just —ing kill me!?!?"

They're lying across the room together, in the dark, giggling. You're lying in your bed alone, wishing you had a pen, so you could jam it in your ear.

You break out into a cold sweat. Your heart races harder than theirs, because you're afraid if they find out you're awake, they're going to think you're a pervert and you refuse to go back to prison.

There's a reason dorms used to hand out condoms—not so you could keep from getting pregnant, but so I could put it on my head and slowly asphyxiate myself.

So now you're freaking out. You don't know what to do; you just know you don't want to be in the room when they start to copulate. So you start devising all sorts of escape plans in your head:

Plan A: Quickly swallow own face until dead.

Plan B: Just sit back, relax and celebrate what should be a beautiful and natural experience that will take you years upon years of expensive psychotherapy from which to recover.

Plan C: Jump up from bed screaming bloody murder, start throwing pillows at roommate and woman and run into the hallway sobbing.

But then you realize the best plan would be the most drastic. So, you roll over in your bed towards the couple, turn on your light and in your most unsexy, creepiest, Wally Gator voice say, "Got room for a third?"

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

U2 inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
ASSOCIATED PRESS MUSIC WRITER

NEW YORK - Minutes after U2 was officially bumped up to legendary status after a raucous, sentimental induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Irish quartet headed to the media room to answer questions about their momentous honor.

But perhaps only a rock band fronted by Bono would first be asked about everything but music. "Bono! ... What about the Nobel Peace Prize?" one reporter called out, querying as to whether Bono's mission to eradicate third-world debt would get him the honor.

"Rock star is already having the cream of the cake," Bono replied. Another wondered whether Bono assume the presidency of the World Bank, as the latest Bono-leading-the-free-world rumor would suggest.

Over U2's 30-year journey from the streets of Dublin to becoming the world's most important rock band, there have often been times when Bono's charisma, his charitable efforts (and more recently a fashion line) have eclipsed his collaborators and lifelong friends: U2's other members, guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen Jr.

But on Monday evening, if not always clear to others, their rock peers recognized the collaborative achievements of perhaps the most groundbreaking rock group in the past two decades.

"Uno, dos, tres, catorce," said Bruce Springsteen, quoting the Spanish countdown in U2's recent hit "Vertigo," as he inducted the band into the rock hall with a loving, humorous tribute.

"The translation is one, two,

three, fourteen. That is the correct math for rock 'n' roll. The whole had better equal a lot more than the sum of its parts--or else you're just rubbing two sticks together."

On a night when The Pretenders, The O'Jays, Percy Sledge and blues legend Buddy Guy received key to rock's exclusive club, U2 was clearly the evening's star attraction.

"They are the keepers of some of the most beautiful sonic orchestration in rock and roll," Springsteen said of the band.

Though they weren't inducted until after midnight, there was hardly an empty chair in the ballroom when they were honored last; and when the group performed some of their biggest hits, including "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" with an assist from Springsteen himself it--everyone, from celebrities like Catherine Zeta-Jones to grizzled industry folk jumped out their seats to cheer them on.

But they were hardly the evening's only highlight.

The O'Jays are best known for their work with Philly soul producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, but the gospel-styled singers are actually from Canton, Ohio. "Back Stabbers" was a big hit in 1972, with "Love Train" and "For the Love of Money" other well-known songs.

After film clips showed them in wild tuxes during the 1970s, the quartet wore simple black suits to perform a medley including each of those songs. They were inducted by singer Justin Timberlake.

"Anyone who's ever written, produced or performed something soulful stands in the shadows of these giants," Timberlake said.

If not else, Sledge's voice has been the backdrop to count-

less romantic encounters. The Southern soul singer is best known for "When a Man Loves a Woman."

The Pretenders came from the same rock generation as U2. Ohio native Chrissie Hynde was a tough but tender role model for women, singing "Brass in Pocket," "Precious" and "Back on the Chain Gang."

"They went through all the heartache that rock 'n' roll is built on--they lost two band members and they never gave up," said Neil Young, who inducted the band and sat in for a ferocious performance of "My City Was Gone."

Hynde told the audience she knows the Pretenders have sounded like a tribute band for the past 20 years. "We are a tribute band," she said. "We're paying tribute to James Honeyman-Scott and Pete Dinklage, without whom we would not have been here."

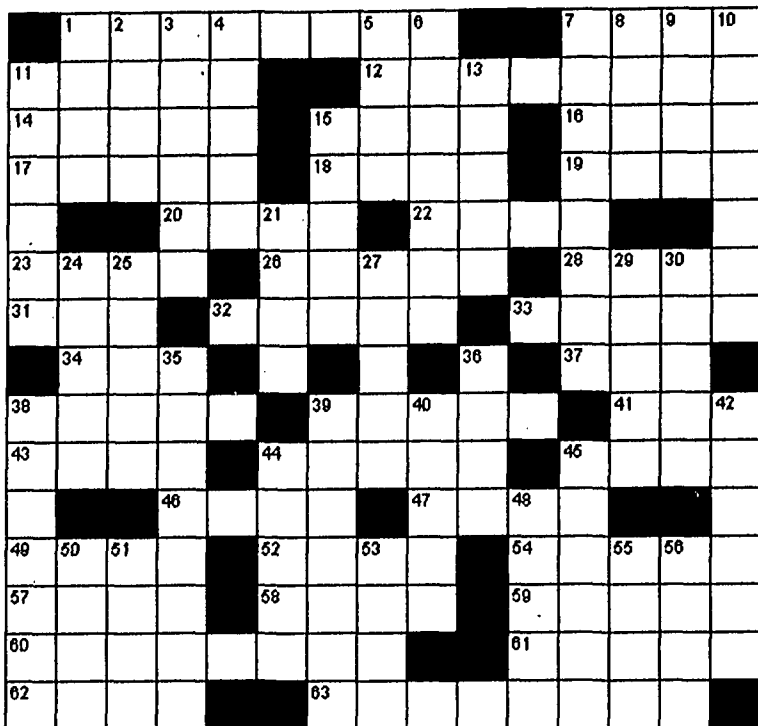
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of rock 'n' roll, the hall --also celebrating its 20th induction dinner -- brought Bo Diddley in to perform the Bo Diddley beat with fellow guitarists Eric Clapton and Robbie Robertson.

Now a stooped old man, Jerry Lee Lewis moved slowly to the stage to perform "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On." But he still managed to kick over his stool and sit on the piano keys.

Guy dominated the Chicago blues guitar scene, and he was ushered into the hall by some pretty decent guitar players themselves--Eric Clapton and B.B. King. Later, both joined Guy onstage for a rollicking rendition of "Let Me Love You Baby."

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Across

1. Arab headress for men
7. Disfigure
11. Register
12. Military dictator
14. Style
15. Lean
16. New-foundland
17. Hollow stone
18. Category
19. Portfolio
20. Sicilian volcano
22. Motion picture

Down

23. Was indebted to
26. Dispute
28. One who writes poetry
31. Obtained
32. Item having exchange value
33. British sailor
34. Exclamation of surprise
37. Organ of hearing
38. Bohemian

language

39. Cast-up seaweed
41. Belonging to him
43. Small harp-like musical instrument
44. Persian Gulf port
45. City in NW France
46. Vertex
47. Notion
49. Male given name
52. Little devils
54. Trail
57. Scandinavian myths
58. Acting part
59. Useful
60. Move in waves
61. Extinct birds
62. Gone by
63. Inveterate

1. Leg joint
2. Florence river
3. Crossed
4. Navy
5. Reflected sound
6. Hair style
7. Christmas fare
8. Russian nuclear submarine
9. Evils
10. Lack of vanity
11. Milk and egg drink
13. Undo
15. Former Russian rulers
21. US space agency
24. Muddled
25. Anesthetic
27. Toothed wheels
29. City in Nebraska
30. Strange and mysterious
35. Undersea explorer
36. Great quantity
38. Close range photograph
39. Moth whose larvae feed on honeycombs
40. Spring up
42. Reptiles
44. Mozambique port
45. Packet
48. Musical study piece
50. Female given name
51. Increases
53. Entreaty
55. Helper
56. Lump of earth

See answers below.

On the edge

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'American Idol' moves on without Mario

BY LYNN ELBER

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mario Vazquez is gone but the "American Idol" show must go on, producers of Fox's hit talent contest said Tuesday.

Vazquez, among the 12 finalists picked by viewers, withdrew for undisclosed personal reasons and was replaced this weekend by Nikko Smith, son of Hall of Fame baseball player Ozzie Smith.

Executive producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick said Vazquez explained his decision to them, but they told a news conference they intended to respect the singer's request for privacy.

The series, drawing close to 30 million viewers an episode in its fourth season, will weather the latest storm, Warwick said.

"It is a reality show. ... This show is never without drama," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "It's just one of those things that happens."

On Monday, Vazquez tried to ex-

tinguish some of the rumors circulating about him, including the possibility of skeletons in his closet. "Crazy," he called that in an interview with AP.

"My gut and intuition told me it wasn't time to do this," Vazquez said. "I had to focus on some personal areas in my life with the little bit of privacy that I have."

He declined to comment on whether he was unhappy with the "American Idol" contract he and the other contestants signed two weeks ago and which industry observers have called restrictive.

Warwick said it's his understanding the performers are contractually bound for three months after the finale airs under their deal with 19 Television, which co-produces the show with Fremantle Media.

He had no further details on the arrangement, Warwick said.

Vazquez, 27, of New York, drew attention and votes with his smooth singing style and trademark hats, and his decision to quit "American Idol"

took fans and fellow contestants surprise.

He told the producers on Friday there were tears when the other contestants learned about it Saturday.

"They were pretty upset, obviously," said Warwick, adding that pressure of the competition "brought them together."

Vazquez, however, was quite composed, telling his fellow performers "It's not the end of the world," Warwick recounted.

The others regained their composure, he said, and Smith, 22, of Louis, who had narrowly missed making the final dozen, stepped quickly into the void left by Vazquez.

But judges Simon Cowell, Paul Abdul and Randy Jackson were unhappy with the performance filmed Monday for airing Tuesday.

"Randy particularly was pretty irritable," Warwick said. He chalked up to intimidation about working a larger stage and with a full band the first time, not to unhappiness of Vazquez.

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